

Richardson's Environmental Resources Newsletter



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“Think Big” when calling for bulky item collection

Brush and bulky item collection (BABIC) is very popular with residents, with the number of requests doubling over the last decade. With more residents now using the service, solid waste workers need your help in making the service more efficient. To do this, Richardson is asking you to “Think Big” when you call in a request.

“Think Big” is the City’s new campaign that aims to get the word out about how to best use BABIC. It will promote calling in for a BABIC collection when there is a sufficient amount of material to require a truck to haul the waste, but not when only a small amount of material is needing to be disposed of. Items weighing 50 or more pounds, such as large furniture or appliances, should be set out for BABIC pickup.



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BULKY ITEM PICKUP

Smaller items weighing less than 50 pounds such as microwaves should be disposed of through regular solid waste pickup. Cardboard and other recyclable material should never be included in BABIC and should instead be set out for recycling pickup, since all items collected through BABIC are taken to the landfill.



Residents should also be sure to indicate when they request a BABIC if they have compostable material to be picked up. Also, when compostable material is set out along the curb it needs to be in a separate pile from non-compostable, bulky items. When the items are mixed, or when residents don’t let the city know that compostable items are present, the compostable material will end up in the landfill.

Your BABIC pickup day is the same as your recycle day. To schedule a pickup, call 972-744-4111, visit www.cor.net/babic or use the MyRichardson App, which can be downloaded for free for both Apple and Android devices at www.cor.net/myrichardson. For more information on Think Big, visit www.cor.net/thinkbig.

Winter water conservation plan in effect Nov. 1

Beginning Nov. 1, residents may water their yards anytime on their designated watering days. Daytime watering helps avoid issues where water may run off onto streets and sidewalks and freeze, potentially causing dangerous conditions for both pedestrians and drivers. Even if it is your water day, residents are encouraged to refrain from watering when temperatures may drop below freezing during the day.

Visit www.watermyyard.org for ground moisture information, customized weekly watering recommendations and information on the best times to water your yard.

TWICE-PER-WEEK WATERING:

- Water Wednesday and Sunday for odd numbered addresses (ending in 1, 3, 5, 7, 9)
- Water Tuesday and Saturday for even numbered addresses (ending in 2, 4, 6, 8, 0)

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

2017 Holiday Grease Roundup Nov. 30–Dec. 5



Cooking grease clogs up the sewer system

Don’t pour your Thanksgiving grease down the drain! Grease hardens in the pipes, causing major clogs and sewer overflows. Put the grease in a plastic container and either throw away in the trash or recycle it at a drop off location that accepts used cooking oil and grease.

Location for grease drop off:



551 N. Plano Rd.
SW corner of Plano Road/Columbia Drive
Thursday, Nov. 30–Tuesday, Dec. 5
8 a.m.–5 p.m.

This year the City is partnering with BioSource. They will collect the grease/oil during and at the end of the collection event.

Go to www.CeaseTheGreaseNTX.com to learn more.

UPCOMING ENVIRONMENTAL EVENTS

Nov. 4

Blue recycling bags are available at Fire Station 6 the first Saturday of each month. 10 a.m.–4 p.m., 3591 Park Vista Rd.

Nov. 15

Free blue recycling bags available at Race-Trac in celebration of America Recycles Day. 6:30 a.m.–1 p.m., 720 E. Arapaho Rd. Limit of one roll of bags per household. Learn more about recycling at www.cor.net/recycling.

Nov. 23–24

Thanksgiving holiday. No solid waste pickup. See www.cor.net/holidayschedule for more information and recycle makeup days.

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