



01 SPRINGFEST TO-GO!


IN-PERSON GARDEN MARKET RETURNS

SpringFest at Woodward Park is Tulsa Garden Center's must-visit annual fundraising event for all things gardening. After the event was moved online as SpringFest To-Go! in 2020, it will return this year on Friday, April 9, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Saturday, April 10, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Tulsa Garden Center, 2435 S. Peoria Ave.

Since 1955, SpringFest has been held on the front lawn of the Tulsa Garden Center Mansion, with local vendors selling plants, vegetables, garden art and more. Expert horticulturalists – including Linnaeus Teaching Garden volunteers – also will be on-site to answer gardening questions.

Due to COVID-19, SpringFest To-Go! 2021 will be an outdoor-only event, allowing guests to quickly and safely shop while avoiding indoor crowds. All vendors, volunteers, and guests will be required to wear a mask and maintain social distancing, and sanitation stations will be readily available.

Admission to the event is free, with customer parking in front of the mansion costing \$5 per vehicle, or free for Garden Center members or those with disability tags. Proceeds from SpringFest To-Go! benefit Woodward Park beautification and educational programs. For updates and more information, visit: www.tulsagardencenter.org/springfest



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02 EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT

FREE HELP AVAILABLE FOR THOSE WHO QUALIFY

WHAT WOULD YOU DO WITH AN EXTRA \$2600?

Did you know Oklahomans ages 25-64 who earn between \$1 and \$56,844 per year can qualify for up to \$6,660 in tax returns? The Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) is a federal benefit to working families in Tulsa. Nearly 20 percent of eligible Tulsa households did not claim their EITC money in 2020.

www.GetYourRefundTulsa.org was launched to help Oklahomans claim this money. It offers **FREE** tax preparation services from certified experts to help eligible families get their refunds:

- **Valet Tax Help** - Drop off your tax documents at a designated Tulsa location and a certified tax preparer will contact you when your taxes are ready for verification.
- **Virtual Filing** - Upload your tax documents virtually using your smartphone or computer and a certified tax preparer will contact you when your taxes are ready for verification.

Visit www.GetYourRefundTulsa.org to learn more, start the process, or use our EITC calculator to see how much you could qualify for.

Use this chart below for a quick estimate:

Number of children	Maximum earnings, single or head of household filers	Maximum earnings, joint filers	Maximum earned income tax credit
0	\$15,820	\$21,710	\$538
1	\$41,756	\$47,646	\$3,584
2	\$47,440	\$53,330	\$5,920
3 or more	\$50,954	\$56,844	\$6,660

03 POLLUTANT DISPOSAL

BRING CHEMICALS TO CITY FACILITY

Start your spring cleaning by ridding your home of chemicals and potentially hazardous items. Many of the chemicals we have in our households could be considered hazardous if used or disposed of in an improper way. The City of Tulsa Household Pollutant Collection Facility at 4502 S. Galveston Ave. is open for disposal of these items Wednesdays and Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., except on City holidays.

Tulsa residents may dispose of pollutants free at the facility. Disposal fees may apply for non-Tulsa residents bringing more than 45 pounds. A Swap Shop also is open at the Household Pollutant Collection Facility, where customers may take up to five items for free.

The Household Pollutant Collection Facility is open for residential customers but not businesses disposing of commercial wastes. For more information about household pollutant disposal in Tulsa, see: www.cityoftulsa.org/resource/recovery

ACCEPTED ITEMS:

- Oil based paints and thinners
- Latex paint
- Automotive fluids
- Flammable liquids
- Fluorescent and CFL lightbulbs
- Cooking oil/grease
- Aerosols, household cleaners
- Household and car batteries
- Pool and lawn chemicals
- Small electronics, mercury thermostats

NON-ACCEPTED ITEMS:

- Industrial or commercial waste
- Medical or biomedical waste (syringes, needles)
- Asbestos
- Food or organic waste
- Radioactive material
- Ammunition, explosives
- Tires
- Unknown materials or substances

WORKING IN THE GARDEN?

VISIT CITY OF TULSA MULCH SITE

Tulsa is a green city, and our yards generate a lot of organic or garden materials – what we call “green waste.” It’s a valuable source of mulch for your flower beds and can be used on land reclamation sites and for firewood in the winter.

Mulch is a protective covering spread or left on the ground to add nutrients back to the soil, retain moisture by reducing evaporation, suppress weeds, maintain an even soil temperature, and prevent erosion.

The City of Tulsa Mulch Site, located at 2100 N. 145th East Ave., is a green solution where residential and commercial customers can bring green waste to be recovered. Hours are 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., seven days a week, excluding City holidays.

You can drop-off plant material including leaves, grass, tree limbs, brush, trunks up to 10 feet long, straw, and chipped trees. Anyone can pick up an unlimited amount of mulch and firewood at **NO COST.**

These services are available to everyone and are free to City of Tulsa, Broken Arrow, Jenks and Bixby utility customers. Just remember to bring your driver’s license or your most recent City utility bill.

The City of Tulsa charges a small fee to commercial customers and out of town residents. Fees are paid by credit or debit card prior to dumping. No other form of payment will be accepted. For more information, please visit: <http://bit.ly/cot-mulch>



04 SAFE MEDICINE DISPOSAL

NEVER FLUSH MEDS DOWN TOILETS

Proper disposal of unused medications benefits people’s health and the environment. Medications should not be left around the house, available for possible misuse by family members.

Also, medications should not be flushed down toilets. Our wastewater treatment plants are unable to remove the chemicals found in medications, so trace amounts of these drugs are discharged into local streams. Long-term exposure to these chemicals can harm aquatic wildlife.

Tulsa participates in two National Drug Take Back Events each year: spring and fall. The next event will be in spring 2021. The date and location will be announced closer to the time of the event. Check local news for details.

Other options for properly disposing of prescription drugs include:

- **Drop off medications at one of the following stations, any time of the year, Monday through Friday.**
 - Tulsa Police Gilcrease Division, 3436 N. Delaware Ave., 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.
 - Tulsa Police Mingo Valley Division, 10122 E. 11th St., 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.
 - Tulsa Police Riverside Division, 7515 S. Riverside Dr., 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.
 - Tulsa County Sheriff – 303 W. First St., 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.
- **Incineration through the City of Tulsa residential trash service (the gray cart.)**