



01 FREE LANDFILL DAYS

BRING ITEMS OUT, OCT. 24 AND 25



Tulsa utility customers, now's your chance to rid your home of unwanted clutter and household items that are no longer useful. Take advantage of the City's Free Landfill Days, Oct. 24 – 25, at the Quarry Landfill, 13740 E. 46th St. N., approximately 1-1/2 miles east of U.S. 169. The landfill will

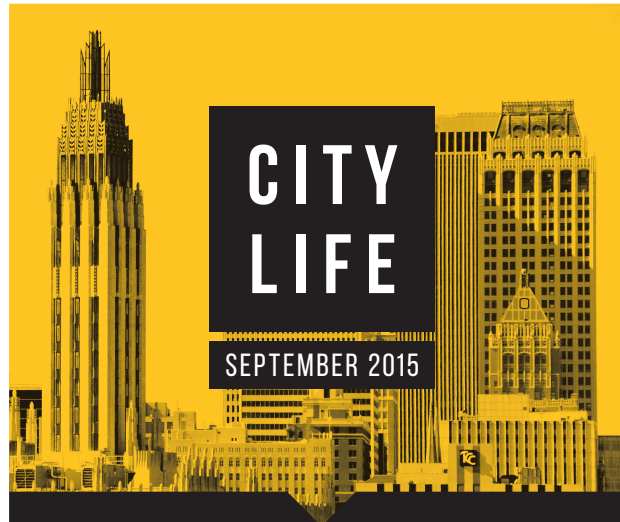
be open from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. and will close promptly at 3 p.m.

You must show a City of Tulsa utility bill or a driver's license with an address within the Tulsa city limits for free admission.

No items containing Freon refrigerant will be accepted, such as air conditioners and refrigerators. Also, please note that state-imposed fees for City of Tulsa customers wanting to discard tires are \$2 per tire during free landfill days.

Loads in trucks and trailers must be secured and covered to prevent contents from blowing out onto roadways and creating traffic hazards. The free landfill days' event is courtesy of the City of Tulsa as well as: www.tulsarecycles.com

NOTE: There are two landfills on E. 46th St. N. Please look for the Quarry Waste Management Inc. signs.



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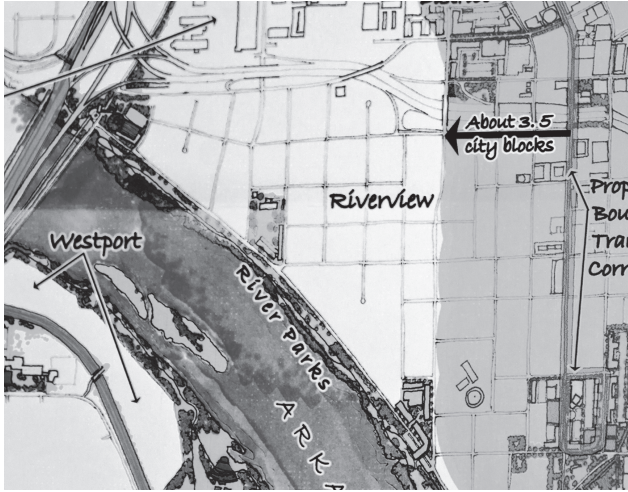
Prescription drug overdoses kill nearly two Oklahomans a day. They're the leading cause of death for Oklahomans, ages 25 to 64.

Our state ranks fifth nationally for drug overdose mortality. Tulsa County is the 18th highest in the U.S. for the number of people dying from prescription drug overdose deaths. Studies show a majority of prescription drugs are obtained from family/friends.

Please properly dispose of medications: **Don't flush them 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.

Options for Properly Disposing 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. – 6 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. 1st St., 8 a.m. – 4:15 p.m.
- **Drop off medications at the fall Household Pollutant Collection Events, Tulsa Fairgrounds, or**
- **Incineration through the City of Tulsa residential trash service (the gray cart)**



03 PLAN TO PARTICIPATE

COMMUNITY PLANNING MONTH COMING SOON

To highlight the role of planners and planning in communities nationwide, the American Planning Association has designated October as National Community Planning Month. In October, Mayor Dewey F. Bartlett Jr. will issue a proclamation for National Community Planning Month in Tulsa.

The month-long celebration will be an opportunity to recognize how planning shapes a community and the work of planners and the planning profession in creating communities of lasting value. In the past, our Planning & Development Department has engaged students at Emerson Elementary by reading children's books to them focused on planning topics. They've also held a department open house, created informational posters and asked residents to submit photos of their favorite places in Tulsa to create the "This is Tulsa – Through Many Eyes" video.

Next month, Tulsans are invited to take part in the Third Annual Photo Essay event: "This is Tulsa – Through Many Eyes, Volume 3." Send your photos of favorite Tulsa landmarks, public places and natural features, which will be compiled into the video.

For additional information about the 2015 National Community Planning Month activities in October, the requirements for submitting photos for the Photo Essay, and more, visit: www.cityoftulsa.org/community-programs/planning.aspx

GO PAPERLESS

DISCOVER THE EASE OF PAPERLESS BILLING

With Utility Account Online and paperless billing, there's no paper to keep track of and you're a few clicks away from 24-hour access to your billing history. Even better, combine paperless billing with AutoPay: Never forget to make another payment. Paperless billing is easy, free and you may opt-out anytime. Enroll today:

- Visit: www.cityoftulsa.org/utilities
- Login, or register if it's your first visit
- Navigate to paperless billing/sign up
- Finish/confirm by the link we email you



AVOID PHONE SCAMS

DON'T SHARE CREDIT INFO BY PHONE

You may have encountered or heard about individuals posing as City of Tulsa Utility employees asking utility customers to pay their utility bill over the phone. We will **never demand** payment or request credit card information over the phone. However, please know if your account is past due, we may give you a courtesy call to let you know your account is in danger of being shut-off.

Please refer to our payment options at www.cityoftulsa.org/utilities and alert your family/friends about this latest phone scam.



04 KEY SOIL NUTRIENTS

MULCH AND COMPOST LEAVES/GRASS

Leaves and grass clippings have a tendency to clog storm sewers. It is a violation of city ordinances to dispose of yard waste in the city's storm sewers.

Raking/bagging leaves and grass to be hauled away takes time and energy and doesn't return nutrients to the lawn. Composting/mulching may be a better choice.

Composting yard waste creates organic matter to build soil for gardens and flower beds. Mulching grass clippings allows them to break down and return their components to the soil so the grass nourishes itself. Learn more about composting. Contact the Tulsa Master Gardeners at **(918) 746-3701**, or: www.tulsamastergardeners.org

Tulsa utility customers may dispose of yard waste, including grass, leaves and tree trimmings, by taking them to the City of Tulsa's mulch processing site – 2100 N.145th E. Ave. Show your current driver's license or City utility bill with a Tulsa address to the site monitors to waive the charges. Commercial and Non-Tulsa residents can also drop off yard waste for a small fee. The mulch site is open seven days a week, 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., excluding City holidays. Also, report the illegal dumping of yard wastes/chemicals to the City's Customer Care Center at **(918) 596-2100**.