



## 01 DISPOSAL OF LEAVES

MULCHING, COMPOST ARE GOOD OPTIONS

Each year in the fall, many Tulsans are busy with yard work to prepare for the upcoming winter. When the grass mowing stops, lawn maintenance shifts to managing leaves falling from the trees. Whether raking leaves or choosing another leaf disposal option, it is important to remember that yard waste should not be swept, blown or deposited in stormwater drains or waterways.

Leaves and grass clippings also should not be blown into the street, sidewalk, or ditch, where rainwater can carry them into storm sewers and streams. Yard waste can block storm drains and cause flooding; also as yard waste decomposes, it reduces the amount of oxygen in the water. Fish need oxygen to survive. Storm sewers in the city of Tulsa drain either to the Arkansas River or Bird Creek.

Here are other options for handling leaves and grass:

- **Mulch them with a lawn mower and leave on the yard, or add them to a compost pile. Choosing these options helps return nutrients to the soil.**
- **Bag them and set out for pickup with your regular trash. See [www.cityoftulsa.org/GW](http://www.cityoftulsa.org/GW)**
- **Take them to the City's mulch site at 2100 N. 145th East Ave.**

# CITY LIFE

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<b>LEAF, GRASS DISPOSAL</b>	<b>SAFE HOLIDAY COOKING</b>
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Choose mulching or composting as alternatives for bagging leaves, grass.	Be careful with turkey fryers and dispose of fats, oils and grease properly

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**+ PLUS: SALES TAX PROGRAMS**

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The Sales Tax Overview Committee Summary Status Report is available for Fiscal Year 2022-2023.

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## 02 HOLIDAY SAFETY TIPS

HANDLE COOKING, GREASE PROPERLY

With the holiday season beginning in November, it's wise to remember safety when preparing holiday meals, and to dispose of grease while being kind to your sanitary sewer pipes.

While most cooks roast a turkey in the oven at Thanksgiving or Christmas, some have a craving for fried turkey. Operating a turkey fryer at home requires special precautions. The Tulsa Fire Department offers the following recommendations:

- **Use a turkey fryer outdoors at a safe distance from buildings and any other material that can burn.**
- **Make sure the fryer is on a flat surface to reduce accidental tipping.**
- **Never leave the fryer unattended. Keep children and pets away from the fryer.**
- **Use potholders or oven mitts when touching the fryer; wear safety goggles if you have them.**
- **Make sure the turkey is completely thawed.**
- **Keep an all-purpose fire extinguisher nearby. Never use water to extinguish a grease fire. If you cannot manage the fire with the extinguisher, immediately call 911 for help.**

During cleanup after the holiday meal, if food scraps are washed down the drain, fat and grease from the food can build up in sewer lines, causing raw sewage to back up. Avoid costly home plumbing bills by following these grease disposal steps:

- **Trap meat drippings in a sealable container and toss in the trash.**
- **Scrape all food scraps in the compost or trash.**
- **Wipe all greasy, oily, creamy or buttery food residues from dishes before you wash them.**

Liquid cooking oils can be recycled at the City's Household Pollutant Collection Facility, 4502 S. Galveston Ave., Wednesday and Saturday, 8 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. and noon to 4:30 p.m. For more information on fats, oils and grease disposal, see [www.TrapTheGreaseTulsa.com](http://www.TrapTheGreaseTulsa.com)

# SALES TAX OVERVIEW COMMITTEE (STOC) SUMMARY STATUS REPORT

ON PROGRAMS MONITORED BY THE STOC

As of the close of City's Fiscal Year 2022-2023  
(June 30, 2023)

Prepared by the City of Tulsa Finance Department  
Approved by the Committee September 2023

## SALES TAX PROGRAMS

**2008 Sales Tax Program** (Fix Our Streets) In November 2008, voters authorized a temporary increase in the sales tax levy of one and two-twelfths percent (1.167%); to remain effective until June 30, 2014, with the expectation of collecting \$166.6 million to be used for the repair, construction, and reconstruction of streets, bridges, and related infrastructure.

<i>Appropriated:</i>	\$145.5 million
<i>Spent:</i>	\$145.3 million
<i>Under Contract:</i>	\$160 thousand

**2014 Sales Tax Program** (Improve Our Tulsa) In November 2013, voters authorized a temporary increase in the sales tax levy of one and one-tenth percent (1.1%); to remain effective until June 30, 2021, with the expectation of collecting \$565 million to be used for the repair, construction, and reconstruction of streets, bridges, and related infrastructure. Additionally, these funds will be used for repairs and expansion in other major categories, including public safety, culture and recreation, economic and neighborhood development.

<i>Appropriated:</i>	\$579.6 million
<i>Spent:</i>	\$410.5 million
<i>Under Contract:</i>	\$37.7 million

## 2017 Sales Tax & Advance Revenue Bond Program

(Tulsa Vision Economic Development) In April 2016, voters authorized a temporary sales tax levy of a little over 3/10ths of a cent for the purpose of funding economic development projects within the City of Tulsa. The temporary tax will be in place for 15 years. The sales tax went into effect on Jan. 1, 2017, and will end on Dec. 31, 2031. The tax will fund over \$510.6 million in major capital projects across the City.

<i>Appropriated:</i>	\$682.7 million
<i>Spent:</i>	\$516.9 million
<i>Under Contract:</i>	\$43.5 million

**2022 Sales Tax Program** (Improve Our Tulsa II) In November 2019, voters authorized a temporary increase in the sales tax levy of forty-five one hundredths percent (0.45%); to remain effective until June 30, 2025, with the expectation of collecting \$193 million to be used for the repair, construction, and reconstruction of streets, bridges, and related infrastructure. Additionally, these funds will be used for repairs and expansion in other major categories, including public safety, culture and recreation, economic and neighborhood development.

<i>Appropriated:</i>	\$110.8 million
<i>Spent:</i>	\$50.7 million
<i>Under Contract:</i>	\$12.3 million

## GENERAL OBLIGATION (GO) BOND PROGRAMS

**2008 General Obligation Bond Issues** (Citywide Streets Package) In November 2008, voters approved a \$285 million GO Bond.

<i>Appropriated:</i>	\$285.0 million
<i>Spent:</i>	\$285.0 million
<i>Under Contract:</i>	\$ 0 million

**2014 General Obligation Bond Issues** (Citywide Streets Package) In November 2013, voters approved a \$355 million GO Bond.

<i>Appropriated:</i>	\$313.6 million
<i>Spent:</i>	\$233.2 million
<i>Under Contract:</i>	\$32.9 million

## SALES TAX OVERVIEW COMMITTEE SUMMARY STATUS REPORT

**2020 General Obligation Bond Issues** (Citywide Capital Package) In November 2019, voters approved a \$427 million GO Bond.

<i>Appropriated:</i>	\$149.0 million
<i>Spent:</i>	\$27.3 million
<i>Under Contract:</i>	\$27.3 million

**SUMMARY:** The STOC is pleased to report to the citizens of Tulsa that voted projects have either been completed as promised, are in the process of being completed, or are awaiting the availability of funds prior to beginning the project. In a few cases, the voted project has been eliminated or materially changed. The Committee is satisfied that the changes were prompted by valid engineering, budgetary or regulatory reasons not known when the project was presented to the electorate and, in each such case, those monies were appropriated to a similar project. All such changes have been approved by the Mayor and/or City Council as required by the relevant ordinances.

## SALES TAX OVERVIEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS

As of: June 30, 2023

**Chair:** Ashley Webb (District 4)

**Vice-Chair:** Kathy Sebert (District 5)

**Secretary:** Linda Jenkins (District 1)

Member	District	Member	District
Pamela Amburgy	Mayoral	Sylvia Powell	District 2
Jeffrey Covington	District 5	Charles Wilkes	District 1
Scott Grizzle	District 9	Bruce Denny	District 6
Mareo Johnson	Mayoral	Matt Meyer	District 7
Steve King	District 8	Paul Hassink	District 9
Paul McTighe Jr.	District 2	Jennifer White	Mayoral