



01 FIRST YEAR SUCCESS

TULSA UTILIZES NEW POLLUTANT FACILITY

The Tulsa Household Pollutant Collection Facility celebrated its one-year anniversary in January 2017. Replacing the semi-annual collection events held for many years at Tulsa Fairgrounds, this facility provides a permanent and more convenient system for disposing of household pollutants at no cost for Tulsa residents. Use of this facility helps Tulsa accomplish its goal of keeping pollutants out of creeks, streams and service systems.

In its first year of operation, the facility collected 89,459 pounds of household pollutants from 1,326 customers. In late 2016, the City of Tulsa also allowed nearby members of the Metropolitan Environmental Trust and residents throughout the region to drop off household pollutants for a fee. More than 80 residents from outside the Tulsa city limits have utilized the service so far.

The Household Pollutant Collection Facility is located at 4502 S. Galveston Ave., and is open every Wednesday and Saturday by appointment from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tulsa residents can make an appointment by calling 311. M.e.t. member residents can call the M.e.t. to schedule an appointment, (918) 584-0584.

For more information about the Household Pollutant Collection Facility and the list of accepted/non-accepted items, visit:

www.cityoftulsa.org/resourcerecovery



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| <p>01 ONE-YEAR ANNIVERSARY</p> <p>More than 1,300 have used Household Pollutant Facility since January 2016.</p> | <p>02 IT'S GREEN THUMBS UP</p> <p>Find "all things garden" at Springfest Garden Market & Festival, April 7-8.</p> |
| <p>03 CITY HOLIDAYS & TRASH</p> <p>When City Hall is closed, find out which holidays also affect trash pickup.</p> | <p>04 DUMPSTERS DELIVERED</p> <p>Registered neighborhood associations can request dumpsters for cleanups.</p> |

+ PLUS: PREVENT BACKFLOWS IN OUR WATER SYSTEM

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02 SPRINGFEST 2017

GARDEN MARKET AND FESTIVAL

Whether you are an experienced gardener or would like to plant your first garden, you'll find everything you need at the SpringFest Garden Market and Festival. The event will be held April 7 and 8, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Tulsa Garden Center in Woodward Park, 2435 S. Peoria Ave. Admission is free.

SpringFest will feature a large variety of plants, gardening information, garden art, unique art and craft vendors, food and fun for the whole family. The kids' zone will offer face painting, balloons, the Adopt-A-Pet van from the SPCA, the Reading Van from Tulsa City-County Library and age-appropriate gardening activities. Local plant nurseries will offer the newest and best plant selections for sale, while expert gardeners will be available to answer questions.

Don't miss the guided tours of the beautiful Linnaeus Teaching Garden, a state-of-the-art demonstration garden in Woodward Park, and Helmerich Horticulture Center, a recent addition. The popular Linnaeus Teaching Garden pass-along plant tent will be full of plants for sale from the gardens of Linnaeus gardeners and other friends of the Tulsa Garden Center.

Proceeds from SpringFest Garden Market and Festival will benefit Tulsa Garden Center's non-profit programs. For more information, please call (918) 576-5154 or visit

www.tulsagardencenter.com.

03 HOLIDAYS & TRASH

CITY CLOSINGS MAY AFFECT SCHEDULE

City Hall and other City facilities are closed on the holidays listed below. Trash and recycling service may or may not be affected. Trash collection will occur as normal on holidays marked with a double asterisk (**).

The collection schedule will be adjusted for holidays with no trash or recycling service. For Monday holidays, customers whose trash is collected on Mondays will be collected on Tuesday; Tuesday customers will be collected on Wednesday; Wednesday customers will be collected on Thursday; Thursday customers will be collected on Friday; and Friday customers will be collected on Saturday.

For twice-a-week collection, Monday/Thursday customers will be collected on Tuesday and Friday; Tuesday/Friday customers will be collected on Wednesday and Saturday; and Wednesday/Saturday customers will be collected on Thursday and Saturday.

For Tuesday, July 4: Tuesday customers will be collected on Wednesday; Wednesday customers will be collected on Thursday; Thursday customers will be collected on Friday; and Friday customers will be collected on Saturday. Tuesday/Friday collection customers will be collected on Wednesday and Saturday.

For Thanksgiving (always Thursday), Thursday and Friday customers' schedules will change. Thursday customers will be collected on Friday. Friday customers will be collected on Saturday. Monday/Thursday customers will be collected on Monday and Friday, and Tuesday/Friday customers will be collected on Tuesday and Saturday.

Friday, April 14, 2017 - Good Friday**

Monday, May 29, 2017 - Memorial Day

Tuesday, July 4, 2017 - Independence Day

Monday, September 4, 2017 - Labor Day

Friday, November 10, 2017 - Veterans Day (observed) **

Thursday, November 23, 2017 - Thanksgiving Day

Friday, November 24, 2017 - Day after Thanksgiving**

Friday, December 22, 2017 - Christmas Eve**

Monday, December 25, 2017 - Christmas

**Trash and recycling service will operate as normal on these days.

BACKFLOW PREVENTION

PROTECT OUR PUBLIC WATER SYSTEM

The City's Water & Sewer Department is dedicated to ensuring the water delivered to your home is safe to drink. However, situations outside of the City's control may jeopardize the quality of your drinking water by allowing backflow into the public water system.

Backflow is the reverse flow of water from a plumbing system into the public water system.

Cross-connections can occur between the public water system and anything else allowing the **backflow** of foreign materials into the system.

Follow these simple precautions to help protect our drinking water system from backflow events:

- **Never submerge hoses in buckets, pools, tubs, sinks or other containers.**
- **Always keep hose ends clear of possible contaminants. An air gap of 2 inches or more between the hose end and the receptacle is the safest and simplest way to prevent backflow.**
- **Don't tamper with the temperature and pressure valves on hot water tanks. These valves will discharge when there is thermal expansion in the tank. Install a thermal expansion tank if necessary.**
- **Buy and install inexpensive backflow-prevention devices called vacuum breakers for all faucets in your home.**
- **Don't use garden hose spray attachments to apply chemicals without using a vacuum breaker at the faucet. Lawn or cleaning chemicals are toxic and may be fatal if ingested.**



04 DUMPSTERS AVAILABLE

REQUEST FOR NEIGHBORHOOD CLEANUPS

The City of Tulsa's Neighborhood Dumpster Program is a service available to registered neighborhood associations to perform neighborhood clean-up activities. Participating groups can request two 30-yard containers every six months to dispose of eligible household items.

The City of Tulsa recently purchased more dumpsters and an additional hauling vehicle for this program. This will significantly reduce wait times for dumpsters and allow more areas of the City to be served.

Dumpsters are for use at residential sites and cannot be used for commercial purposes (for example, to clean out rental properties). Certain items cannot be placed in the dumpsters, such as limbs and other tree debris, grass clippings, Freon bearing appliances, car parts or tires, air conditioners, roofing materials, whole buildings, sheds or garages.

Do not overfill dumpsters. Dumpsters should be no more than three-fourths (3/4) full, so that they are easily transported to the landfill. Items cannot be placed on the ground around the dumpster.

If your neighborhood association is interested in participating in this program, the neighborhood leader may call 311.