

Reduce Your Water Use During Winter Months

The City of North Richland Hills reminds you that lawns and other landscaping plants need less water this time of year. Lawns go dormant and landscape watering needs are dramatically reduced in winter months. Half an inch of water about every two weeks during the winter months will keep your lawn healthy. If we receive plenty of rainfall, there is no need to irrigate.

Making seasonal adjustments to your irrigation system is not only good for your lawn, it also reduces your monthly water bill. Your monthly sewer fee is recalculated each year based on the amount of water used during the winter months.

Since wastewater is not metered, the sewer fee is determined by averaging the amount of water that is used at your home during December, January and February. These months provide a better picture of indoor water/sewer usage as compared to summer months when more water is used for irrigation, swimming pools and other outdoor uses. The new sewer average is calculated each March and is applied to your bill starting in April of each year.

When adjusting your irrigation system for winter, keep in mind that mandatory water conservation is in place in North Richland Hills year round. You may

water lawns and landscaping no more than twice per week, or less, based on the following schedule:

- Residential addresses ending in 0, 2, 4, 6 or 8 may water Wednesday and Saturday.
- Residential addresses ending in 1, 3, 5, 7 or 9 may water Thursday and Sunday.
- Businesses, apartments, parks, medians, other common areas may water Tuesday and Friday.
- No outdoor watering is allowed on Monday or between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. on any day.

The City of North Richland Hills also reminds you to inspect sprinkler heads regularly to make sure none are missing, broken, leaking, clogged, pushed too far into the ground or spraying in the wrong direction. When rain or freezing temperatures are expected, turn your sprinkler system off. Newer irrigation systems come equipped with rain and freeze sensors. Sensors should be checked periodically to verify they are still operating.

For more water conservation tips, please visit www.nrhtx.com/conservation. If you have questions about your water bill, please call the Water Department at 817-427-6200.

New Business Spotlight

HAB Home Intelligence, LLC

5750 Rufe Snow Dr. #149, 817-404-4129

www.myiblinds.com

Hoang's Noodle House

8405 Harwood Rd. #100, 817-479-6199

www.hoangsnoodlehouse.com

Savvy Discount Furniture

5555 Rufe Snow Dr., 682-334-3478

www.savvydiscountfurniture.com

Sellars Construction, LLC

5217 Davis Blvd., Ste. K, 817-907-3836

www.sellarsgc.com

Texas League of Professional Baseball

8621 Mid Cities Blvd. #400, 682-316-4100

www.texasleague.com

VCC Embellishment Solutions

6420 Wuliger Way, Ste. A, 806-553-7903

www.vcces.com

Support local businesses. Shop NRH first!

Shop NRH This Holiday Season

As the holiday season approaches, shopping in North Richland Hills should be at the top of everyone's to do list. From unique locally owned stores to national chain retailers, you can complete your holiday gift buying and enjoy your shopping experience right here at home in North Richland Hills. And when your day is done, finish it off right at one of North Richland Hills' many eateries.

When you shop and dine locally you not only support your neighbors who work and own businesses in our community, you also ensure that your sales tax dollars are reinvested where they belong — in your community. Every dollar you spend in the City of North Richland Hills helps support important public services like public safety, streets and parks.

Visit www.nrhd.com to view our database of local businesses who are ready to help you find the perfect gifts for everyone on your list.

Don't Pour Cooking Oil, Grease Down Drain; Recycle it Instead

Don't pour cooking oil or grease from your holiday feasts down the drain! Grease clogs your pipes and can cause sewer backups. Protect your home, city and the environment by properly disposing of cooking oil and grease. You can pour small amounts of oil and grease over newspaper or paper towels and place it in the garbage. Larger amounts can be collected and recycled into biodiesel or biogas.

The NRH Public Works Department will collect used cooking oils and grease for recycling **December 2 - 6** and **January 6 - 10**. Containers holding discarded oil and grease must be made of plastic and have a screw top lid. This program is for residents and excludes commercial users. Please call 817-427-6440 to arrange a pick up or get more details. Learn more at www.ceasethegreasentx.com.

Holiday Recycling Tips

Americans throw away more trash during the holiday season than any other time of year. The good news is much of it can be recycled.

- Cardboard boxes should be flattened and placed in your recycle cart. Cut larger boxes into smaller pieces so they fit loosely inside the cart. Overstuffed carts may not empty completely. Boxes left next to recycle carts will be collected with trash and won't be recycled.
- Most wrapping paper is recyclable. Paper with foil, glitter, ribbons or bows cannot be recycled.
- Tissue paper cannot be recycled.
- Greeting cards are recyclable, as long as they do not contain foil or glitter or other decorations.
- Christmas lights and decorations that are broken should be placed in the regular garbage.
- Artificial trees and wreaths are not recyclable.

Visit recyclingsimplified.com for more tips. Contact Republic Waste Services at 817-317-2450 with any questions.

Holiday Season Safety Tips

The holiday season is fast approaching. The North Richland Hills Police Department reminds you to keep these safety tips in mind while out shopping for that perfect gift:

- Only carry the necessary cash, checks and/or credit card you expect to use.
- Keep wallets or purses close to you at all times.
- Stay alert to your surroundings.
- Keep a record of all your credit card numbers in a safe place at home.

Upcoming Events

Holiday Closings, Collection Schedules

With the exception of public safety services, City Hall and other city offices will be closed **November 28 and 29** for the Thanksgiving holiday. Garbage and recycling will not be collected on Thanksgiving Day. Thursday's collections will be made on Friday and Friday's collections will shift to Saturday.

City offices will also be closed Wednesday, **December 25** for Christmas and Wednesday, **January 1** for the New Year holiday. Residential garbage and recycling will follow its normal collection schedule during both holiday weeks.

For holiday hours at other city facilities, please call or check their website. The City of North Richland Hills wishes you a safe and happy holiday season.

Christmas Lighting Contest

Keep NRH Beautiful annually recognizes residents for beautifully decorating the outside of their homes during the holiday season. Residents are encouraged to go to www.nrhtx.com/knrhb to submit their nominations and find out more information about the program. Nominations will be accepted until 3 p.m. **Friday, December 6** and winners will be recognized at a City Council meeting in January.

Annual Toy & Food Drive

North Richland Hills Santa Cops and the NRH Firefighter's Association are holding a toy and food drive to benefit those who are less fortunate in our community. Residents are encouraged to share in the holiday spirit by dropping off new, unwrapped toys and nonperishable food items to the Public Safety lobby at City Hall, 4301 City Point Drive, or any NRH Fire Station. Donations will be accepted from **Thanksgiving through December 18**. All donations will go towards helping families in need through the Community Enrichment Center, as well as other local community organizations.

HOA Information Needed

In order for the City of North Richland Hills to more effectively communicate with your Homeowners Association, please make sure we have the most up to date information. Call 817-427-6003 or e-mail us at nrhadmin@nrhtx.com and provide current information for your HOA including a contact name, phone number, mailing address, e-mail address and HOA website address, if applicable.

