

## Chunk Your Junk at Fall Community Cleanup

The City of North Richland Hills reminds you that old furniture, appliances, car parts, tree limbs, scrap metal, building materials and other discarded items should not be stored in your yard or driveway. It is not only unattractive, it can become a breeding ground for insects and rodents and a safety hazard. Please be a good neighbor and chunk your junk!

On Saturday, October 9, 2021, NRH residents can get rid of unwanted bulky items during the annual Fall Community Cleanup. Items can be dropped off from 9 a.m. to noon at the east parking lot of The Hills Church located at 6300 NE Loop 820. Proof of residency (driver's license or water bill) must be presented. View a list of what is and is not accepted at visit [www.nrhtx.com/cleanup](http://www.nrhtx.com/cleanup).

Please note, there will be one way in and one way out of the drop off site. From Rufe Snow Drive go west on Meadow Lakes Drive and then turn right

at the first driveway for The Hills Church property. There will be no entry from NE Loop 820. Vehicles will exit onto NE Loop 820. You can view the event site map at [www.nrhtx.com/cleanup](http://www.nrhtx.com/cleanup).

Many bulky items can also be placed curbside for regular bi-weekly pickup with your normal trash collection. Brush, tree limbs, leaves and other yard waste must be bagged, canned or tied in bundles no longer than 4 feet in length that weigh no more than 50 pounds. Visit [www.nrhtx.com/garbage](http://www.nrhtx.com/garbage) and click on acceptable garbage for more details. Each NRH household can also make two free trips to the landfill per year. A voucher must be presented to the landfill attendant along with your driver's license. The voucher can be obtained at [www.nrhtx.com/landfill](http://www.nrhtx.com/landfill) or at the Water Office at City Hall.

Please contact the Code Compliance Office at 817-427-6663 with any questions.

### Know Your Watering Schedule

The City of North Richland Hills reminds all water customers that you may use sprinklers or irrigation systems no more than twice per week based on the following schedule:

**Monday** - No watering

**Tuesday & Friday** - Non-residential sites (businesses, apartments, parks, common areas)

**Wednesday & Saturday** - Residential addresses ending in 0, 2, 4, 6, 8

**Thursday & Sunday** - Residential addresses ending in 1, 3, 5, 7, 9

No watering between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. on any day. Remember to save water by turning automatic sprinklers off if it has recently rained. Please visit [www.nrhtx.com/conservation](http://www.nrhtx.com/conservation) for more water saving tips.

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### Rate Adjustment Goes into Effect on October 1

North Richland Hills water and sewer rates will be adjusted on October 1, 2021. The adjustment includes a \$0.33 rate increase for water purchases and a \$0.19 cent rate increase for sewer treatment costs from the City of Fort Worth and the Trinity River Authority. The impact to the average residential water customer using 10,000 gallons per month will be \$4.16 per month. This is an average and will vary based on your actual usage. A resident that uses the minimum volume (2,000 gallons or less) of water per month will not see a change in the amount they pay for water; however, the sewer rate adjustment will be applied.

The rate increases are due to increasing costs for treating and providing water as well as wastewater treatment services. Because the City of North Richland Hills purchases drinking water and wastewater treatment services from the City of Fort Worth and the Trinity River Authority, their rate increases are passed on to NRH water customers. The City of NRH does not mark up or make a profit off of the pass through rate increases. Questions about your water bill may be directed to the Water Department at 817-427-6200.

## Upcoming Events

### Fall Concert Series at NRH Library

Join us for a variety of cultural experiences at the NRH Library this fall. Artists range from acclaimed tango dancers to intimate chamber music and are sure to delight.

- **Sept. 16**, 6 p.m.- 7 p.m., Hugo & Celina, Tango Dancers
- **Oct. 25**, 6 p.m. - 7 p.m., Odysseus Chamber Players, McKinney Philharmonic Orchestra Ensemble
- **Nov. 18**, 7 p.m. - 8 p.m., Pete Branham Group, Classic & Contemporary Jazz
- **Dec. 20**, 6 p.m. - 7 p.m., Bell Conte Ringers, Arlington Heights UMC Bell Ringers

The NRH Library is located at 9015 Grand Ave. For more information on the Fall Concert Series, visit [www.library.nrhtx.com/FallConcerts](http://www.library.nrhtx.com/FallConcerts).

### Virtual Sprinkler Classes

Save Tarrant Water is offering free virtual sprinkler classes to help you save water and money. Learn about DIY Sprinkler Repair on **Sept. 28** and DIY Drip Irrigation on **Oct. 7**. Classes begin at 6 p.m. Find more details on these and other classes and the links to join at [www.savetarrantwater.com/events](http://www.savetarrantwater.com/events). Go to [www.savetarrantwater.com/video-resources](http://www.savetarrantwater.com/video-resources) to watch a variety of water saving videos on demand.

### National Night Out

Join the North Richland Hills Police and Fire Departments to celebrate "National Night Out" on **Tuesday, Oct. 5**. National Night Out is a time for everyone to get outside, gather with neighbors and show unity against criminal activity. If you will be hosting a National Night Out block party, please register your event in advance at [www.nrhtx.com/nno](http://www.nrhtx.com/nno) so city officials can plan to attend. Please contact the Police Department Community Services section at 817-427-7021 with any questions.

### 'Round the Town With Oscar Bicycle Ride

Join Mayor Trevino on Tuesday, **Oct. 12** at 6 p.m. for the last 'Round the Town monthly bicycle ride of this year. The ride will begin and end at Cross Timbers Park, 7680 Douglas Lane. This is a family-friendly ride and open to all ages. It is a great opportunity to get outdoors, be active and visit with community leaders and neighbors. Riders should bring their own water bottles; and helmets are required for the ride. 'Round the Town with Oscar is sponsored by the City of NRH and Bonzai Cycle Werx. Find more info at [www.nrhtx.com/roundthetown](http://www.nrhtx.com/roundthetown).

### Mid-Cities Teen Book Fest

The Mid-Cities Teen Book Fest is pulling double duty this year! First, tune in to one of our virtual discussions or workshops on **Friday, Oct. 15** (perfect for classes to watch together), with special guests like Neal Schusterman (*Scythe*) and fan-favorite manga drawing workshops with Misako Rocks. Then, drop by the NRH Library at 9015 Grand Ave. on **Saturday, Oct. 16** for our live and in-person event! We'll have free lunch and snacks, engaging panel discussions, book signings, and special guests April Henry (*Playing with Fire*) and Brigid Kemmerer (*A Curse so Dark and Lonely*). MCTBF is a free yearly event where teens in the DFW area have the chance to meet their favorite authors and other book loving teens. Please visit [library.nrhtx.com/MCTBF](http://library.nrhtx.com/MCTBF) for more information.

### Senior Craft Fair

Get a jump start on your holiday shopping at the NRH Senior Center Arts & Crafts Fair. This event will take place on **Wednesday, Oct. 27** from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. and **Thursday, Oct. 28** from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. in the Grand Hall at the NRH Centre, 6000 Hawk Ave. More information and a vendor registration form is available at [www.nrhcentre.com/senior-center](http://www.nrhcentre.com/senior-center). Please contact the Senior Center at 817-427-6695 with any questions.

## Volunteer Drivers Needed

Social Transportation for Seniors (STS) is a non-profit volunteer program that reconnects senior citizens to the community by providing them with transportation to leisure and social activities. With a growing number of isolated seniors in our community, the program reaches out to those who are homebound with the purpose of reengaging them back into the community.

The program operates Monday - Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and serves North Richland Hills residents. All rides are within a 7-mile radius of NRH. You can be a volunteer driver as little as one hour a week and enjoy flexible scheduling.

The human connection and social engagement STS drivers help provide is fundamental to happiness and emotional well-being. Become a volunteer driver with STS today by calling 817-427-6696 and help homebound seniors gain a new connection to our community. Learn more at [www.stsrides.org](http://www.stsrides.org).