

Backyard Checklist for Mosquito Control

It takes all of us working together to combat mosquitoes and the diseases they carry. Any amount of standing water can give mosquitoes a place to lay their eggs. Most mosquito species require 8 to 14 days to complete their development, so puddles and other areas of standing water become a cause for concern if they don't dry up and remain stagnant for more than a week.

Use this backyard checklist to eliminate any standing water on your property and remember to protect yourself by wearing mosquito repellent whenever you spend time outdoors.

- Unclog gutters
- Drain flowerpot dishes
- Dump plastic wading pools after each use
- Turn wheelbarrows, buckets, watering cans and other containers upside down
- Dispose of unused tires
- Replace water in bird baths and pet dishes daily

- Place mosquito eating fish (Gambusia) in ponds
- Apply Bti mosquito dunks, bits or briquettes to french drains or other areas with standing water
- Fill tree holes with sand
- Repair leaky outdoor faucets
- Keep vegetation trimmed

City staff treated 25 miles of creeks and drainage channels throughout North Richland Hills with larvicide to reduce mosquito breeding sites. Areas will be monitored and re-treated as needed throughout the summer. The city also works with Tarrant County Public Health throughout the summer to monitor for mosquito borne illnesses and implement mosquito control activities. Targeted spraying is conducted in areas where a mosquito borne illness is confirmed.

Visit www.nrhtx.com/mosquitocontrol to get more information and sign up for spraying alerts. Questions regarding mosquito control may be directed to NRH Neighborhood Services at 817-427-6650.

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 sprinkling or irrigation allowed

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 from 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. on any day.
Sign up for weekly watering advice at www.savetarrantwater.com.

www.nrhtx.com/conservation

Build Children's Literacy and Language Skills at Your Library!

Reading aloud promotes early literacy skills in young children and is widely recognized as an essential activity for language development. Your NRH Library, located at 9015 Grand Ave., has a variety of options to choose from. We invite you to drop by to check them out to see which is right for your family!

- Toddler Time is great for kids 18 to 36 months old. There's two different classes: one on Tuesdays at 11:30 a.m., which focuses on nursery rhymes and songs, and one on Thursdays at 10:30 a.m., which works on alphabet recognition.
- Storytime is every Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. and is filled with stories, rhymes, and songs perfect for children 3 to 6 years old. Each program is unique and different while offering the necessary repetition for developing minds.
- On the third Saturday of every month, young readers have the chance to read aloud to therapy dogs and build confidence in their reading skills at Read with Mollie's Friends from 10:30 a.m. to noon.

Teen Court Volunteers Needed

The Northeast Tarrant Teen Court (NETTC) is seeking middle and high school-aged volunteers to serve as jurors and teen attorneys. No prior experience is required. Volunteers learn about courtroom procedures and the judicial system. They are mentored by court staff, attorneys and judges, while gaining valuable public speaking skills, self-confidence and leadership skills. Volunteers earn community service hours and are eligible to apply for a Teen Court scholarship when graduating high school.

Teen Court takes place at the NRH Municipal Court on Monday evenings two to three times per month. The program serves the cities of North Richland Hills, Richland Hills, Haltom City and Watauga. For more information, please contact NETTC at nettc@nrhtx.com or call 817-427-6705.

Good Neighbor Tip: Disposing of Yard Waste

Brush, tree limbs, leaves and other yard waste should be placed at the curb for pickup by Republic Services on your normal trash collection days. All yard waste must be bagged or tied in bundles no longer than 4 feet in length and no more than 50 pounds. Republic Services will only pick up 4 cubic yards per week. Special pickups for larger amounts of loose brush and debris can be arranged by calling Republic at 817-317-2085.

Each NRH household can make one free trip to the landfill per month. 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 or at the Water Department located at City Hall, 4301 City Point Drive.

Please be a good neighbor and properly dispose of your yard waste. Find more good neighbor tips at www.nrhtx.com/goodneighbor. Please contact Code Compliance at 817-427-6663 with any questions.

Did You Know?

The invasive King Ranch Bluestem is popping up again in lawns, parks and medians throughout North Richland Hills. This drought-resistant weed has a very fast growth rate - growing as much as a foot per week - and there is no easy way to control it in between mowing cycles. While the tall, wispy weed can be unsightly, patches of it on a property are not usually a code violation. Generally, a code violation occurs when a majority of a lawn exceeds 10 inches in height.

Upcoming Events

'Round the Town with Oscar Bicycle Ride

Join Mayor Oscar Trevino on his monthly bicycle ride through North Richland Hills! The August ride will take place on Tuesday, August 2 at 6:30 p.m. at Richfield Park, 7250 Chapman Rd. This is a family-friendly ride and is open to all ages. It's a great opportunity to get outdoors and be active in NRH. Helmets are required. Riders should bring their own water bottles. For more details, please call 817-427-6620 or visit www.nrhtx.com/roundthetown.

Low Cost Pet Vaccination Clinic

The NRH Animal Adoption & Rescue Center (AARC) is partnering with the Texas Coalition for Animal Protection for a Low Cost Pet Vaccination Clinic. The clinic will take place on Saturday, August 27 from 10:00 a.m. to noon at the AARC, located at 7301 Iron Horse Blvd. It will include: \$5 rabies shot; \$10 City registration; \$30 microchip. Call 817-427-6570 or visit www.texasforthem.org for more details. Dogs must be on leashes and cats in carriers for their safety.

NRH₂O Schedule Changes

NRH₂O Family Water Park works hard to provide a fun and safe place for your family to enjoy the summer. Unfortunately, despite a wage increase and their best recruiting efforts, the park is short of the required number of team members to operate according to the initially released 2022 schedule. The safety of guests and staff is the park's number one priority. As a result, NRH₂O is now opening at 11 a.m. (instead of 10 a.m.) and closing a little earlier on the weekends. Also, July special events have been canceled. For the most up-to-date schedule, please visit www.nrhtx.com. Contact the park at 817-427-6500 or info@nrhtx.com with any questions.

New Business Spotlight

Detail Garage (Auto detail supplies)

5555 Rufe Snow Dr. #200, 817-479-3552

www.detailgarage.com

Village Medical at Walgreens

8955 North Tarrant Pkwy. #100, 972-525-9900

www.villagemedical.com

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6350 Davis Blvd. #100, 972-525-9900

www.villagemedical.com

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