

## Program Keeps NRH Rental Homes Up to Par

Did you know the City of North Richland Hills has a program in place to ensure that rental homes in our community meet minimum building and safety codes? The rental home inspection program, which is in its 10<sup>th</sup> year, includes all homes, duplexes, triplexes, four-plexes and townhomes that are rented or leased for use as a residence. The intent of the program is to prevent or eliminate substandard or deteriorating rental housing and preserve residential properties, property values, and neighborhoods.

Property owners must have their rental units successfully pass an interior and exterior inspection before a tenant can move in or have the water utilities transferred to their name. The inspection checks for unsafe structural elements, electrical hazards, security devices and more. This is similar to getting a new home privately inspected before buying it.

Once a unit is ready for occupancy, the landlord must apply for a Single Family Rental Permit and inspection at [www.nrhtx.com/eportal](http://www.nrhtx.com/eportal). In most cases, the inspection may be scheduled for the following business day. There is no fee for the inspection; however, if a rental unit is occupied or belongings have been moved in prior to the inspection, a \$100 administrative fee may be assessed to the property owner. If any deficiencies are found during an inspection, the landlord must correct the deficiencies and request a new inspection.

Most landlords are responsible in maintaining their rental properties in great condition. We appreciate their efforts to help keep our neighborhoods safe and attractive.

For more information about this program, please visit [www.nrhtx.com/rentalinspection](http://www.nrhtx.com/rentalinspection), call 817-427-6300 or email [nrhipi@nrhtx.com](mailto:nrhipi@nrhtx.com).

### 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, 2022. The adjustment includes a \$0.33 rate increase for water purchases and an \$0.18 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 \$4.12 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 Office at 817-427-6200.

## Request for HOA Contacts

Calling all NRH Homeowner's Associations and Neighborhood Associations! The City wants to make sure we have your organization's current contact information. The information you provide will be made available to City departments for official business activities and will help us keep you informed about projects and events that may impact your neighborhood. Please visit [www.nrhtx.com/HOA](http://www.nrhtx.com/HOA) to complete our online form.

## Good Neighbor Tip: Keep Property Free of Junk

The City of North Richland Hills strives to be a community where all residents can enjoy the highest quality of life within safe and attractive neighborhoods. The city prohibits old furniture, appliances, car parts, tires, tree limbs, scrap metal, building materials and other discarded items from being 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 keep your yard and driveway free of junk.

Many unwanted bulky items can be placed curbside for pickup with your normal trash collection. For more details, visit [www.nrhtx.com/garbage](http://www.nrhtx.com/garbage) and click on "Acceptable Garbage." Each NRH household can also 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](http://www.nrhtx.com/landfill) or at the Water Office located at 4301 City Point Dr.

For more information about city's property codes, go online to [www.nrhtx.com/codecompliance](http://www.nrhtx.com/codecompliance) or contact 817-427-6663.

## New Business Spotlight

### Compass Realty LP

8913 Mid Cities Blvd. #300, 817-891-5713  
[www.compassrealtylp.com](http://www.compassrealtylp.com)

### Eyes On Rufe Snow

5755 Rufe Snow Dr. #100, 817-656-1111  
[www.eyesonrufesnow.com](http://www.eyesonrufesnow.com)

### Pho Quyen Vietnamese Kitchen

8245 Precinct Line Rd. #110, 817-510-3083  
[www.phoquyentx.com](http://www.phoquyentx.com)

### Power Up Nutrition

6428 Davis Blvd. #100, 817-793-2687

**Support local businesses. Shop NRH!**

## Upcoming Events

### National Night Out

Join the North Richland Hills Police and Fire Departments to celebrate "National Night Out" on **Tuesday, Oct. 4**. 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. 11** 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. You can find more information at [www.nrhtx.com/roundthetown](http://www.nrhtx.com/roundthetown).

### Fire Department Open House

The Fire Department will hold an open house from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on **Saturday, Oct. 15** at the Public Safety Training Center and Fire Station #5, both of which are located at 7202 Dick Fisher Dr. N. Families are invited to meet our local first responders and learn about the many services they provide to the community. Questions may be directed to Fire Administration at 817-427-6900.

### Mid-Cities Teen Book Fest

Drop by the NRH Library on **Saturday, Oct. 15** for a fun-filled day celebrating Young Adult books! We'll have free lunch for teens, engaging panel discussions, art and writing workshops, book signings, and a special keynote with J. Elle (*Wings of Ebony*) and Liara Tamani (*Calling My Name*). The Mid-Cities Teen Book Fest is a FREE yearly event at the NRH Library where teens in the DFW area have the chance to meet Young Adult authors and other book-loving teens. The Library is located at 9015 Grand Ave. Visit [www.library.nrhtx.com/MCTBF](http://www.library.nrhtx.com/MCTBF) to learn more. Call 817-427-6800 with any questions.

### 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. 26** from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. and **Thursday, Oct. 27** 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.nrhseiorcenter.com](http://www.nrhseiorcenter.com). Please contact the Senior Center at 817-427-6695 with any questions.