

Reduce 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 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.

If you have questions, please contact the Water Office at 817-427-6200 or by email at customerservice@nrhtx.com.

Shop NRH This Holiday Season

With the holiday season upon us, 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.

When you shop locally you not only support your neighbors who work at 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 North Richland Hills helps support city services like public safety, streets and parks. Your purchasing choices can have a big impact on the local community and economy.

If you're not sure where to start, ask your friends and neighbors for a list of their favorite NRH businesses. If you find a local business with exceptional service, be sure to leave them a good review and tell others about it. Let others know that you're proud to support local businesses, and they should be too!

Friends of the Library Fundraiser with the Bell Conte Ringers

Get into the holiday spirit with the Friends of the NRH Library and the Bell Conte Ringers on Monday, Dec. 19. The Bell Conte Ringers are an accomplished bell choir with Arlington Heights United Methodist Church, who regularly perform holiday concerts and weekly worship music.

This ticketed event kicks off the Friends of the NRH Library's fundraising efforts to install art in the children's area. The mural will create a warm and welcoming environment for children and families to read together.

Not only will attendees enjoy a night of holiday cheer, but they will also have the first opportunity to see a sample of the design and learn more about this re-envisioning of the children's area. All proceeds from the event will go directly to the Friends of the Library to fund this project.

Tickets are \$25. Reserve your seats in advance at friendsofnrhlibrary.org/events or at the library's front desk. Tickets will be available to purchase at the door while supplies last. Please contact the Library at 817-427-6800 with any questions.

Upcoming Events

NRH Christmas Tree Lighting

Join us to ring in the holiday season with the lighting of the city's 46-foot tall Christmas Tree on **Thursday, Dec. 1** at 6 p.m. at Stormy Plaza, 9010 Grand Ave. Families will be able to enjoy the city's Christmas Tree and all of the holiday lights and scenery along Grand and Hawk Avenues through **Jan. 2**. More details about the tree lighting will be available on the city's website prior to the event. Please contact Parks & Recreation at 817-427-6620 or nrhpard@nrhtx.com with any questions.

Cooking Oil, Grease Collection

The City of North Richland Hills reminds you to never pour cooking oil or grease from your holiday feasts down the drain! Over time, all of that grease clogs your pipes and can cause costly sewer back-ups. 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 **Dec. 5 - 8 and Jan. 3 - 6**. Containers holding discarded cooking oil and grease must be made of plastic and have a screw top lid. This program is for residential kitchens only and excludes commercial users. Petroleum products are not accepted. Please call 817-427-6440 to arrange a pick up or get more information.

Learn & Grow Gardening Series

Get your garden ready for spring and summer at our Learn & Grow Gardening Series! Each class is free to attend and will take place at the NRH Library at 5:30 p.m. No registration is required. Topics include Vegetable Gardening on **Dec. 7**, Gardening for Pollinators on **Jan. 11**, and Tough Plants for North Texas on **Feb. 8**. Visit the library's website at www.library.nrhtx.com for more details.

Christmas Lighting Contest

Keep NRH Beautiful annually recognizes residents for beautifully decorating the outside of their homes during the holiday season. Please visit www.nrhtx.com/knrhh to find out more information about the contest and submit your nominations. Nominations will be accepted until 3 p.m. **Friday, Dec. 9** and winners will be announced on **Tuesday, Dec. 13**. Please call 817-427-6651 with any questions.

Run Run Rudolph Family Fun 5K Run & Walk

The annual Run Run Rudolph 5K will take place on **Saturday, Dec. 3** starting at 8:30 a.m. at the NRH Centre, 6000 Hawk Ave. This event, benefiting the NRH Animal Adoption & Rescue Center, provides a great opportunity for families and friends to share their holiday spirit and enjoy fitness and fun. Participants are encouraged to dress in fun and festive holiday attire! You can get more information and register at www.nrhtx.com/rudolphrun.

Holiday Collection Schedule & Closings

Don't forget, garbage/recycling will not be picked up on Thanksgiving Day. Thursday collections will shift to Friday and Friday collections will be made on Saturday. There will be no changes to the collection schedule for Christmas or New Year's, since both holidays fall on Sunday this year.

City Hall and other non-emergency offices will be closed for the holidays on **Nov. 24 and 25, Dec. 26 and Jan. 2**. To view holiday hours for all of our city facilities, please visit the calendar section of our website at www.nrhtx.com.

We hope you have a safe and happy holiday season!

New Business Spotlight

Centro Medico Del Carmen

5324 Rufe Snow Dr., 817-479-6702

HeartCare Specialists

8513 Mid Cities Blvd., 817-803-1234
www.heartcaretexas.com

Lone State Electric

6710 Glenview Dr., 817-443-4551

Salad and Go

8900 North Tarrant Pkwy.
www.saladandgo.com

The Whittaker Firm

5587 Davis Blvd. #402, 817-380-8037
www.thewhittakerfirm.com

Watermere at the Preserve

8625 Davis Blvd., 682-337-7890
www.watermerepreserve.com

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