

Properly Dispose of Leaves, Other Yard Waste

Did you know that blowing or sweeping leaves, grass clippings, or other yard waste into the street or down the storm drain can cause flooding? Yard waste that is swept or blown into a nearby storm drain can clog the storm drain and keep water from draining through. Additionally, yard waste that is left in the street or blown into the storm drain will eventually be washed into nearby creeks, streams, rivers and lakes. This can deplete the oxygen level in the water, which is harmful to aquatic life. Chemical fertilizers used on the lawn can also harm aquatic life.

The City of North Richland Hills asks that you properly manage your yard waste by leaving it on the lawn, bagging it, or taking it to the landfill.

Grass clippings left on the lawn can provide up to 25% of your lawn's total fertilizer needs, and leaves contain 50% to 80% of the nutrients a plant extracts from the soil and air during the season. Use your mower's mulch setting to leave clippings on the lawn, or compost it for use in flower beds.

Leaves, grass clippings and other yard waste can also be bagged and placed on the curb for pick

up on your normal trash collection day. If you have a large number of bagged leaves, they may not all be picked up by the garbage company at once. The remainder will be picked up on your following collection day.

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

Another option is to haul your yard waste to the landfill. 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 Dr.

Please be a good neighbor and properly dispose of yard waste. If you have questions, please call the Code Compliance Office at 817-427-6663.

Monthly Sewer Charge Based on Your Winter Consumption

Ever heard of WQA? It's a water term that means Winter Quarter Average. Since wastewater is not metered, your monthly sewer fee is determined by averaging the amount of water that is used at your home during December, January, and February, aka the Winter Quarter Average.

The winter months provide a better picture of indoor water and sewer use because it's the time of year when outdoor water use is lowest. Your new sewer average is calculated each March based on your WQA and applied to your bill beginning in April.

Saving water during the winter months can help you save money all year long! If you have questions about your WQA, please contact the Water Office at 817-427-6200 or by email at customerservice@nrhtx.com.

Don't Let Fats, Oils & Grease Clog Your Pipes; Recycle It Instead

What do arteries and sewer pipes have in common? They both can get clogged by fats, oils, and grease (what we call FOG). Clogged sewer pipes cause backups of untreated sewage into homes. That's a mess you don't want to clean up.

Prevention is the best medicine. Instead of washing FOG down the drain, take a paper towel and wipe any excess off your pans or pour it into a disposable container. Once filled, the container can be recycled. Just call our FOG pick-up line at 817-427-6457 and we'll schedule a pick-up for you. Keeping our pipes clean and clear of FOG can be done without leaving the comfort of your home!

NRH Public Works will collect FOG for recycling Dec. 4 - 7 and Jan. 2 - 5. 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.

Holiday Schedule Changes

Don't forget, Republic Services does not provide service on certain holidays like Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day. On designated holidays, your garbage and recycling collections will be delayed by one day. View Republic's holiday schedule at www.nrhtx.com/holidaycollection. Please give them a call at 817-317-2085 with any questions.

City Hall and other non-emergency city offices will be closed Nov. 23 & 24, Dec. 25 and Jan. 1. Holiday hours for other city facilities will vary. Please check their website or give them a call for details.

We wish you safe and happy holidays!

New Business Spotlight

Beauty By Alice

7640 NE Loop 820, #104
682-999-1436, beautybyalicedimplz.as.me

Bo The Good Barber

8204 Bedford Euless Road, #201
832-322-1330, bothegoodbarber.com

BrowGenius

8201 Mid Cities Blvd., #100
817-719-8852, browgenius.net

Christian Montessori Academy

7601 Precinct Line Rd., 817-382-1099
christianmontessoriacademy.com

Fast General Contracting

6851 NE Loop 820, #315
817-988-0887, fastcc.com

Lone Star Wash N Fold

6721 Mid Cities Blvd.
682-272-8848, lonestarwashnfold.com

Movement Theory Physical Therapy and Wellness

6350 Glenview Dr., #108
817-907-7993, themovementtheory.org

Ross Dress for Less, Inc

5196 Rufe Snow Dr., #300
925-353-0519, rossstores.com

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December 2023 Events

Winter Reading Challenge

Winter is the perfect season to curl up with a good book, so we are excited to announce that the NRH Library's Winter Reading Challenge is returning by popular demand! Here's how it works: visit the library from Nov. 30 to Jan. 31 to pick up your Winter Reading Challenge bookmark. Then, read five books of your choice and participate in two library activities. Once you have completed the challenge, return the bookmark to the library and enter a drawing for one of three gift baskets, each filled with cozy goodies for children, teenagers, or adults. We hope you'll join us in enjoying some great books this winter!

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/knrhb to find out more information about the contest and submit your nominations. Nominations will be accepted until 3 p.m. **Friday, Dec. 8** and winners will be announced on **Tuesday, Dec. 12**. Please call 817-427-6651 with any questions.

Run Run Rudolph 5K Run & Walk

The annual Run Run Rudolph 5K will take place the morning of **Saturday, Dec. 9** at the NRH Centre, 6000 Hawk Ave. This event, benefiting the NRH Water Safety 365 initiative, 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.

Sounds of the Season

Join us at the Grand Hall at NRH Centre on **Thursday, Dec. 14** for "Sounds of the Season," a holiday art and music event featuring the Texas Guitar Society. This free, hour-long event starts at 7 p.m. and will feature a program of beautiful Christmas music by some of the most gifted classical guitarists in North Texas. In addition, holiday-themed artwork will be displayed in the Grand Hall Lobby gallery for concertgoers to enjoy before and after the program. The Grand Hall is located at 6000 Hawk Ave. More information can be found at www.nrhpopupgallery.com/events or by calling NRH Parks & Recreation at 817-427-6620.