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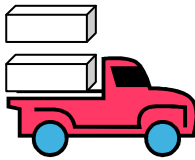


NEWS FOR THE CITIZENS OF WARR ACRES

SEPTEMBER, 2014

OCTOBER IS RESIDENTIAL* BIG TRASH PICKUP

Items must **NOT** be placed out for collection earlier than four (4) days preceding the regular scheduled big trash collection day.



- Ward 1 – Wednesday, October 8
- Ward 2 – Wednesday, October 15
- Ward 3 – Wednesday, October 22
- Ward 4 – Wednesday, October 29

Big Trash INCLUDES, but is not limited to: household appliances, furniture, carpet, mattresses, box springs, water tanks, fencing (up to 4 panels) and similar non-contracted items, bagged grass, and brush produced as refuse from single-family dwellings. Compressors must be removed from all appliances **BEFORE** collection may be completed. Doors on refrigerators and other bulky items **MUST** be removed before placement on curb.

Items EXCLUDED under the definition of big trash include hospital and medical waste, poisons, acids and caustics, explosives, dirt and rocks, sewage and liquid waste, nuclear materials, gasoline, kerosene, propane tanks, degreasers, lubricants, tires and rims, antifreeze, paint, and commercial construction debris, bricks or concrete. Call sanitation at 491-6474 if you have any questions.

SIZE OF MATERIAL: Big trash shall be a length not exceeding 10 feet or a weight exceeding 250 pounds.

Tree trimmings and branches must be placed together in piles with individual branches not longer than 8 feet and dead trees (not more than 6 inches in diameter).

The TOTAL amount allowed at the curb is 8 cubic yards (equal to what you can place in the back of 2 full size pickup beds level with the top of the cab).



PLACEMENT AND LOCATION of big trash: Items shall be placed at least five feet (5') from mailboxes, cars, shrubs, or anything else that could interfere with hand loading or mechanical equipment.

Items shall be placed at least ten feet (10') away from utility poles, guywires, signs, fire hydrants and gas meters to allow mechanized pick up.

**RESIDENTIAL is defined as a SINGLE FAMILY home OR a duplex.*

Helpful Phone Numbers

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| City Hall | 789-2892 |
| Fax | 787-5432 |
| Police Department | 789-3329 |
| Fire Department | 789-5912 |
| Animal Control | 789-9025 |
| Municipal Court | 495-3032 |
| Inspections & Permits | 789-2892 |
| Sanitation Department | 491-6474 |
| Streets & Parks | 787-1404 |
| Sewer Department | 491-6478 |
| Community Center | 789-9892 |
| Putnam City Schools | 495-5200 |

City Council Members

Mayor

Patrick Woolley 409-4944

Ward 1

Cathy Maxey
722-1045

Ward 3

Roger Godwin
464-0411

James Mickley
721-7959

Bill McClure
787-5374

Ward 2

Stephen Fuhrman
537-5415

Ward 4

Glen Lipinski
789-8640

Stewart Shapiro
721-8230

Donnie Ryan
831-6483

Storm Safety

HAVE A SAFETY PLAN:

- Have a safety plan for wherever you might be when a tornado strikes – School, work, church, home, shopping, etc.
- Think through your plan in advance, since there may not be much time to act once the tornado is approaching you.
- Practice your plan and be sure all family members know what to do.
- City offices are **LOCKED** during a **tornado warning**.

Recycling

Recycling dumpsters are available at Dorothy Cavener Park, in the area of NW 52nd and Hammond Avenue on the first Saturday (9-3) and Sunday (1-3) of each month. Recycling includes plastic, glass, aluminum and tin cans. Closed during inclement weather.

CITY STORM SHELTERS TO BE PERMANENTLY CLOSED. All storm shelters in Warr Acres will be permanently closed effective January 1, 2015. City office buildings do **NOT** meet the standards set by FEMA (Federal Emergency management Agency) and will be **LOCKED** during a tornado warning.

City officials suggest that people take shelter where they are when bad weather is approaching and have a personal emergency operations plan that they have practiced.

PROPERLY DISPOSE OF PET WASTE



If disposing of pet waste by placing it in your garbage containers, **PLEASE** first place it in a bag. Our sanitation workers would greatly appreciate your cooperation in following this policy.

Tails Pet Media Group, Inc. and *DoodyCalls* recommend scooping waste into a trash bag, then double-wrapping it with another bag **BEFORE** placing it in the garbage to be collected. Be sure to tie knots at the top of both bags to ensure the waste is

properly sealed. This is to protect garbage collectors from coming into contact with the waste upon pickup.

Dog waste carries disease-causing bacteria that can be transmitted directly to humans and make them sick. Ringworm, roundworm, salmonella, and giardia are examples of such bacteria, all of which are found in dog feces and are easily transferable upon contact. Thank you for your help!



Remember, our parks are for the enjoyment of everyone, so **PLEASE** clean up after your pet.

CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS TELEVISED ON COX CABLE CHANNEL 20



Citizens may stay abreast of important discussions and decisions being made that affect the residents of Warr Acres by watching City Council meetings as well as Planning Commission meetings, which are televised on Cox Cable channel 20. City Council meetings take place on the third Tuesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. and Planning Commission meetings take place on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. or as needed. These dates are also published on the website.

STORM WATER QUALITY



What is Storm water?

Storm water is rain or melting snow that flows off of rooftops, paved areas, bare soil and lawns. This runoff flows into larger bodies of water (from puddles, to ditches, to streams, to lakes and rivers) until it eventually flows into the ocean.

What's the concern about storm water?

In its journey from a puddle to the ocean, storm water picks up and carries many of the pollutants it encounters. These pollutants include sediment, pet waste, pesticides, fertilizers, automobile fluids (such as gasoline, oil and antifreeze), de-icing products, yard wastes, and litter.

What Can You Do?

The most effective way to reduce storm water pollution is to stop it from entering the system in the first place. In other words, if you guard our local drains, you can dramatically improve what happens in our creeks, rivers and lakes.

Outdoor Home Maintenance

It is possible to have a beautiful yard and a healthy environment. You can prevent your lawn and garden from contributing polluted runoff to streams, lakes, and rivers.

Chemicals, fertilizers, herbicides, and pesticide

- Apply these substances sparingly.
- Read labels carefully and do not apply if the forecast calls for rain. If it rains, products will wash off into waterways before they have a chance to work.
- Clean up any spills immediately, and store products so that they won't get wet or leak.
- Consider natural and nontoxic alternatives to pesticides.