



**NEWS FOR THE CITIZENS OF WARR ACRES**

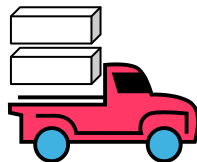
**SEPTEMBER, 2015**

**OCTOBER IS RESIDENTIAL\* BIG TRASH PICKUP**



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

- Ward 1 – Wednesday, October 7
- Ward 2 – Wednesday, October 14
- Ward 3 – Wednesday, October 21
- Ward 4 – Wednesday, October 28



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**

|                       |          |
|-----------------------|----------|
| 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**

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789-4690

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789-8640

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202-1584

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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.

## **COLD WEATHER TIPS FOR YOUR HOME:**

The U.S. Fire Administration is offering the following cold-weather tips:

- Maintain heating equipment and chimneys by having them cleaned and inspected annually by a qualified professional.
- Use heating equipment that has the label of a recognized testing laboratory, such as UL and FM.
- **All heaters need space.** Keep anything that can burn at least three feet away from heating equipment.
- Plug space heaters directly into outlets and NEVER into an extension cord or power strip.
- Install and maintain CARBON MONOXIDE ALARMS inside the home.
- Clear the area around the fireplace hearth of debris, decorations and flammable materials.
- NEVER use flammable liquids to start a fire in the fireplace or wood stove.
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- Use only seasoned hardwood in fireplaces or wood stoves. Soft, moist wood accelerates creosote buildup.
- Never burn cardboard boxes, trash, lumber scraps, or debris in a fireplace or wood stove.
- Never leave a fire in the fireplace unattended.
- When cleaning out the fireplace ashes, they need to be soaked in water and placed into a metal container outside the home or garage.
- Keep the roof clear of leaves, pine needles or other debris.
- Cover the chimney with a mesh screen spark arrester.
- Check smoke/CO detectors monthly; replace batteries twice a year.



## **DUMPSTER RENTALS**

For Commercial rentals call the Sanitation Department at 491-6474.

For Residential rentals call City Hall at 789-2892.



## **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.