



SCHOOL ZONE SAFETY

One injured child is one too many!

Please be aware that Putnam City Schools start **August 17TH**

BACK TO SCHOOL BUS SAFETY TIPS

School Bus **Safety for Motorist:**



- Motorists coming to a school bus from **EITHER** direction **MUST STOP** when the bus displays flashing red warning lights and extends the stop signal arm. These signals show that children are getting on or off the school bus.

- Vehicles may not pass until the flashing red lights and signals are turned off. Passing when the flashing red warning lights are on and the stop signal arm is extended is illegal and can have tragic results.

- Violation of these laws can result in a citation and fine. In many places, school bus drivers can report passing vehicles.

School Bus **Safety for Children:**

- Wait for the bus away from traffic and the street.
- Do not head toward the bus until it comes to a complete stop.
- When exiting the bus, walk away from the bus and keep a safe distance. A good rule is to take five "giant steps" out from the front of the bus, or until the driver's face can be seen.
- Look left-right-left when coming to the edge of the bus to make sure traffic is stopped.

School Bus **Safety for Parents:**

- Supervise children as they wait for the bus, making sure they are away from the street.
- Instruct your child to ask the driver for help if he or she drops something near the bus. If a child bends down to pick something up, the driver may not see him or her.
- Have your child use a backpack or book bag to keep loose items together.
- Check to make sure clothing and backpacks don't have loose drawstrings or long straps that can get caught in the handrail or bus door.

If you think a bus stop is in a dangerous place, you can talk to the school office or transportation director about changing the location.

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

Patrick Woolley 740-7357

Ward 1

Bo Broadwater
517-0289

Ward 3

Roger Godwin
464-0411

James Mickley
760-0401

John Knipp
789-4690

Ward 2

Stephen Fuhrman
537-5415

Ward 4

Glen Lipinski
789-8640

Mike Schmidt
323-8933

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.
- 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 8-12 and Sunday 1-3 of each month. Recycling includes plastic, glass, aluminum and tin cans. Closed during inclement weather.
 Warr Acres Recycle Committee 720-2949

REMINDER FOR TRASH PICKUP

If you have bags left or cans that haven't been emptied after the trash route has been completed, it is probably because the bags or cans **EXCEEDED the weight limit of 50 lbs.** While the trash cans cannot exceed 40 GALLONS, the **WEIGHT** of those cans cannot exceed 50 lbs. If the bags or cans exceed the limit, they will pose a risk of injury to our sanitation workers. Please observe the



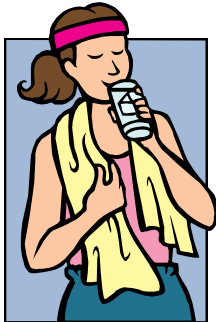
following rules for putting out your residential trash:

1. **ALL** trash **MUST** be placed in a can or trash bag. Loose items are **ONLY** allowed to be placed at the curb for bulk trash month on your designated pickup day.
2. GRASS AND WEED cuttings **MUST** be placed in trash bags, securely tied, and placed **AT THE CURB.**
3. If you get a red tag on your trash can it means that your can is too big, over 40 gallons, and therefore will not be picked up.
4. Do not place loose leaves on top of your household trash. They must be bagged separately or the whole can will not be picked up. Branches in trash cans will not be picked up. They must be in 3 foot bundles and tied.
5. Trash in cardboard boxes will not be picked up. The trash must be in a bag in a can and cardboard boxes must be flattened and bundled.

DO NOT RELEASE SWIMMING POOL WATER INTO STORM DRAINS

Don't forget that it is illegal to release chlorinated pool water into storm drains. Chlorinated water draining into waterways will harm fish and aquatic life.

SAFETY TIPS FOR HOT DAYS OF SUMMER



1. Hydrate frequently; drink water before, during, and after outdoor activities.
2. Minimize time spent outside and take frequent breaks to cool off.
3. Plan laborious outdoor tasks for the cooler parts of the day.
4. Move to a cooler environment at the first signs of heat illness, which includes: headache, dizziness, nausea, muscle twitching/cramps, and dry, hot, flushed skin.
5. Check on the elderly neighbors and family daily.
6. Never leave a child or pet in a vehicle unattended.
7. Make certain pets have plenty of water and shade.
8. Seek medical attention for heat related incidents, calling 911 for an emergency.



DOG DAYS OF SUMMER. Hot weather poses special risks for your dog. **NEVER, EVER** leave a dog unattended in a vehicle in the summer months. The temperature inside a car can rise to over 100 degrees in a matter minutes, causing heatstroke and death.

Doghouses and dog crates are **NOT** good shelter during the summer as they can trap heat. You may want to fill a child's wading pool with fresh water for your dog to cool off in. Always provide plenty of cool, fresh water. Help keep the drinking water cool by placing a soft drink bottle filled with frozen water in the water bowl. Try to avoid prolonged exposure to hot asphalt or sand, which can burn your dog's paws.



PEDDLER ALERT!

The police department would like to remind residents to be wary of persons selling items door-to-door such as magazines or cleaning supplies. Many of these persons are from out of state and are brought here by organized groups that end up defrauding them or the people who buy their products. Residents should be very careful in purchasing anything from someone selling in this manner. The incidents of Identity Theft are very high with these types of transactions. If you give anyone a check or credit card number for a purchase, you have given them all the information they need to counterfeit your checking account or make fraudulent purchases with your credit card.

By City Ordinance, ANYONE selling items door to door MUST apply at City Hall. They must show identification and be bonded by an insurance company to be issued a permit to solicit. If you are approached at your home and they do not have a permit, contact the police department. Officers will check their permit status and can issue a citation or arrest the person.