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**NEWS FOR THE CITIZENS OF WARR ACRES**

**MARCH, 2018**

**CITY HALL WILL BE CLOSED THE FOLLOWING DATE:**



**Good Friday - Friday, March 30, 2018**

Remember, NO trash will be picked up on the days City Hall will be closed. For those whose normal trash day will be missed - there will be **CURBSIDE ONLY** pickup on: **Wednesday, March 28, 2018.**

**ANNUAL THREE MONTH AVERAGE WATER USAGE**



Every year the City of Warr Acres recalculates the next year's sewer rates based on a report from the Oklahoma City or Bethany Water Departments listing a three month average consumption of water usage for each residential property. This means that your sewer bill from May 2018 to April 2019 could have

an increase, decrease, or your rate could remain the same depending on how much water consumption you had during December 2017, January and February 2018. These new rates will be reflected on your May 2018 bill, which will be sent out around the 20<sup>th</sup> of May.

If your May 2018 bill reflects a substantial increase, it may be because you had a water leak, a toilet or faucet that continually ran during those three (3) winter months. If you had a plumber repair one of these problems during these months, then you can bring in the plumbing repair bill to Warr Acres City Hall. Our utility billing clerk can recalculate your average water usage for a lower sewer rate. But you **MUST** have a plumbing repair invoice indicating the problem occurred during the months stated above in order for your sewer rate to be recalculated.



**CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS SWORN IN**

On February 20, 2018 the following City Council Members were sworn in:

James Mickley – Ward 1

Kim Allsup – Ward 2

John Knipp – Ward 3

Donnie Ryan – Ward 4

Thank you to those who have chosen to serve their community.

**REGISTER YOUR STORM SHELTER**

Storm shelters are a great way to protect your family and loved ones from the dangers of Oklahoma's unpredictable weather. While the shelter will protect them from the tornado and most debris, it may become a place where they become trapped because of debris piled on the shelter.

Because of this possibility, we request that you register your storm shelter with the Police Department so that emergency crews can check to make sure you are safely out of your shelter once the danger has passed. You may obtain a form from City Hall or register online through the city website.



**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 409-4944

**Ward 1**

Bo Broadwater  
517-0289

**Ward 3**

Roger Godwin  
464-0411

James Mickley  
760-0401

John Knipp  
789-4690

**Ward 2**

Kim Allsup  
205-0829

**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 full weekend 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.

## **APRIL IS RESIDENTIAL BIG TRASH PICKUP MONTH**

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

Ward 1 Wednesday April 4, 2018

Ward 2 Wednesday April 11, 2018

Ward 3 Wednesday April 18, 2018

Ward 4 Wednesday April 25, 2018

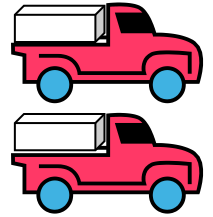


Big Trash **INCLUDES**, but is not limited to: household appliances, furniture, carpet, mattresses, box springs, water tanks, fencing (up to 4 panels) and similar non-contracted items, bagged grass, and brush produced as refuse from single-family dwellings. Compressors must be removed from all appliances **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). There will be an additional fee of \$15.00 for each cubic yard of bulky waste collected in excess of eight (8) cubic yards



**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.

## **PLAN AHEAD FOR SEVERE WEATHER**

Because severe thunderstorms, damaging winds, hail and tornadoes are common, it is important for the residents of Warr Acres to have a plan for these events. Tornadoes can often have winds exceeding 300 miles per hour causing property destruction, injuries and death. That's why it's important to pre-plan by developing an emergency plan, assembling a disaster kit and learn some basic information about what to do before, during and after any type of severe weather.



**Create an Emergency Plan.** Creating an emergency plan for your family can help to ensure their safety when a severe weather incident occurs.

1. Discuss with your family the dangers of possible emergency events and how your family will respond to each.
2. Determine where you will take cover in your home if it becomes necessary and practice going into that safe place.
3. Purchase a NOAA (National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration) all-hazards radio.
4. Discuss what to do in case of power outages or personal injuries.
5. Teach adults how and when to turn off the water, gas and electricity at the main switches.
6. Teach all family members, even children, how and when to dial 9-1-1.
7. Choose an out-of-state friend or relative whom all family members will call if separated during an emergency.
8. Pick two meeting places: 1) near your home 2) outside your neighborhood
9. Take a basic first aid and CPR class.
10. Assemble a disaster kit and keep family records in a water/fireproof safe.

## **CITY OF WARR ACRES OFFICES LOCKED DURING SEVERE WEATHER**

In the event of a tornado warning being issued, the City Hall office buildings will be **LOCKED**. For the safety of our citizens, residents will **NOT** be allowed to shelter at City Hall, the Fire or Police Departments. These buildings were never meant to serve as public shelters and are **NOT** compliant with FEMA standards for a tornado shelter.