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Single-Stream Recycling

BEGINS JANUARY 2016



NO BAGS OR SORTING REQUIRED!

The City of College Station's single-stream recycling program allows you to put your recyclables in the same container for every other week collection from single-family homes.

In 2015, the city tested single-stream recycling for eight months with 300 homes in Emerald Forest. Recycling increased from 9 1/2 pounds collected per household each month to 25 1/2 pounds, resulting in significantly less pounds of garbage per household. In October, the College Station City Council approved a single-stream recycling collection franchise and service agreement with Brazos Valley Recycling. Fewer trips to the landfill and a possible reduction in landfill tipping fees also mean the new recycling program won't be accompanied by an initial rate increase.

In the previous curbside recycling program, you had to sort your recyclables in clear plastic bags.

If you live in a single-family home, you'll get a blue, 95-gallon recycling container sometime in January -- even if you didn't participate in the old curbside program. Collection begins on your designated day two weeks after you receive the new container.

What can you recycle?

- Aluminum/tin/ steel cans.
- Glass (all colors).
- No. 1 & No. 2 plastics.
- Catalogues.
- Magazines.
- Newspapers with inserts.
- Mixed/white paper.
- Junk mail.
- Brown paper bags.
- Phone books.
- Flattened cardboard.
- Bagged shredded paper.
- Paperboard (such as cereal boxes).

Before you place recyclables in the container, keep these things in mind:

- All recyclables must be dry and free of food debris.
- Caps from plastics should be removed and discarded.
- Rinse and clean all containers.

On your designated collection day, place your full container at the curb by 8 a.m. It should be about 4 feet from obstructions, including your green garbage container. After collection, the container should be removed from the curb within 12 hours.

Recycling options are also available for businesses and apartments through private vendors.

CSTX.GOV/RECYCLE
 RecycleRequests@cstx.gov
 979.764.6228

Get instant access to garbage and recycling information and collection reminders by downloading the MyWaste app. It works on all operating systems and can be downloaded from the Apple and Android app stores for free. Residents without smartphones or tablets can access the same information at cstx.gov/mywaste.



This app is made possible with grant funding provided by the Brazos Valley Council of Governments and the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.

Homebuyer Education Course

Register today! Class begins Feb. 1.

If you are thinking about becoming a homeowner, this Homebuyer Education Course will equip you with the knowledge you need to make wise and informed decisions.

The NeighborWorks America-approved curriculum includes five topics:

- Are you ready to buy a home?
- Managing your money.
- Obtaining a mortgage loan.
- Shopping for a home.
- Protecting your investment.

This Homebuyer Education Course is from 6-7:30 p.m. on Feb. 1, 8, 15 & 22 at Fire Station No. 6, located on the corner of University Dr. East and Tarrow St. Participants must attend all four unique sessions to receive a certificate. Course fee is \$15 for materials.

To register, call 979.764.3778 or visit cstx.gov/homebuyer.

City Code Enforcement Reminder

Weeds & grass must be under 12 inches.

With spring just around the corner the City of College Station's Code Enforcement Division would like to remind everyone about the weeds and grass ordinance, which states:

It shall be unlawful for any person owning, claiming, occupying, or having supervision or control of any real property within the city to permit weeds, brush, or any objectionable or unsightly vegetation to grow due to lack of vegetation management upon any such real property. It shall be the duty of such person to keep the area from the line of his property to the curb line adjacent to it free and clear of matter referred to above. Objectionable or unsightly vegetation includes all weeds and grasses that exceed 12 inches in height.

To learn more or to report possible code violations, call 979.764.6363, email CommunityEnhancement@cstx.gov or visit cstx.gov/CodeEnforcement.

Brazos Valley Senior Games

Register before Feb. 12.

The City of College Station is hosting the Brazos Valley Senior Games Feb. 18-21. Ages 50+ can compete in track and field, swimming, basketball, cycling, golf, 5k, archery, bowling, horseshoes, pickleball, disc golf, washers, table tennis, tennis, 3-on-3 basketball, cornhole, and basketball skills. Gold, silver and bronze medals will be awarded in each event and age group.

The registration fee is \$30 which includes a shirt and two tickets to the reception, with an additional \$4 fee per event. Deadline to register is Feb. 12. For complete details and to register, visit cstx.gov/seniors, call 979.764.3486 or email parks@cstx.gov.

TAMU's The Big Event is April 2

Register your job by Feb. 19.

Do you need a job (painting, yard work, cleaning, etc.) completed around your house? Let Texas A&M University's The Big Event do it for you on Saturday, April 2.

The Big Event is the largest, one-day, student-run service project in the nation where Texas A&M University students come together to show their appreciation to the community. In 2015, 21,000 Texas A&M students completed service projects for more than 2,400 homes in Bryan-College Station.

If you have a service project for The Big Event, register it between Jan. 1-Feb. 19 at bigevent.tamu.edu. For more information, email bigevent@bigevent.tamu.edu or call 979.845.9618.

Give Ultimate Frisbee a Toss

New Adult Athletic League

The City of College Station now offers an adult Ultimate Frisbee League through a partnership with BCS Ultimate!

The Coed Ultimate Frisbee League is offered to ages 16+ in the spring and fall. Games will be played on Wednesday nights and teams are assigned based on a questionnaire. Fee is \$20/person and play begins Feb. 24. Register today at cstx.gov/sports.

events

AFRICAN-AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH CELEBRATIONS

Feb. 4 - Feel the Beat
Feb. 11 - Art Showcase & Wine Tasting
Feb. 15 - Lincoln Legacy Day
Feb. 18 - Movie Night
Feb. 26 - Dance of the Decades

Lincoln Recreation Center
cstx.gov/lincolncenter, 979.764.3779

HOME & GARDEN EXPO

Feb. 13-14: Brazos County Expo Center
College Station Utilities will have energy & water conservation booths.
gbvbuilders.org, 979.696.0272

EXPLORING HISTORY LUNCHEONS

Feb. 17 - 12 Aggie Heroes
March 16 - The Meridian Highway
11:30 a.m. \$5 per person.
Aldersgate United Methodist Church
RSVP to: mrodgers@cstx.gov

YOUNG READERS BOOK SALE

March 5 | 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
Larry J. Ringer Library
bcslibrary.org, 979.764.3416

FREE MOVIES IN THE PARK

March 11 - "Paddington"
April 8 - "Minions"
Wolf Pen Creek Amphitheater
Gates open at 6 p.m.,
Movie begins at 7 p.m..
cstx.gov/movies, 979.764.3486

ANNUAL EASTER CELEBRATION

March 19 | 9 a.m.-12 p.m.
George Bush Presidential
Library & Museum
bush41.org, 979.691.4068

ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT

March 25 | 1-3 p.m.
Lincoln Recreation Center
cstx.gov/lincolncenter, 979.764.3779

For more events, visit:
cstx.gov/calendar