

Highlights



The City of Cedar Hill, Texas



**Growing green
at your house**

Changes are coming...

In early December, all single-family residences in our city are receiving a 96-gal. recycle cart with wheels.

Weekly collection

Beginning the week of January 8, trash and recycle materials will be collected once a week, on the same day.

The map on page 2 shows the collection schedule.

The recycle carts are only for recycle materials. Trash can be placed in plastic trash bags or residents may rent a 96-gal. wheeled trash cart (with a green lid) for \$2 per month. The fee will be added to the residence water bill.



Why the changes?

The City of Cedar Hill, in partnership with Waste Management Inc. is providing the larger recycle carts to every household to encourage residents to recycle more of what they've been throwing into the trash.

Weekly collection will promote cleaner streets and alleys with trash put out less often. And weekly collection will reduce the carbon emissions of large solid waste trucks in our community and on their way to and from the recycle center and landfill. Increasing the recycled ma-

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Mayor delivers 'State of the City' to Chamber

In two words, Mayor Rob Franke described the state of our city as "pretty good" during his recent 'State of the City' address to the Chamber of Commerce.

"But that's really positive, considering the state of our national economy," he told about hundred attendees at the Northwood University luncheon.

He spoke about how the City's Vision Statement has meaning and is used by the City Council members to focus their efforts.

"Our vision statement: 'We envision Cedar Hill as a premier city that retains its distinctive character, where families and businesses flourish in

a safe and clean environment,' reminds us that we're not planning to be mediocre,"



Mayor Franke

he said. He went on to describe the incredible beauty of the area's natural assets and the qualities of the people who choose to live here.

We are leaders

He said our city is a leader in the DFW area and is becoming recognized for our achievements.

He spoke of the City Council's planning workshop the previous weekend and briefly shared the Council Member's comments about our community.

They spoke of our strong neighborhoods, partnerships, becoming a destination city, green initiatives and having all the elements

to grow into a better community.

Mayor Franke said they drafted a list of concerns and opportunities that included the South Clark corridor, economic development, downtown, rental properties and the recent CHISD bond issue failure.

On the bond election, he said, it's easy to look backward and criticize efforts, but in his opinion it is critical to show voters the value and give them a sense of the school board's vision of how investing in education benefits every stakeholder in the community.

He said we have been able to prevent outside issues, whether they be county, state or national, to contaminate our discussions of the future. We choose to focus on what we have in common.

Attitude of distinction

"We are at a critical time" he said. "We can choose to hunker down and wait, not my choice, or develop an attitude of distinction that motivates us to take the next hill."

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Click on this button on the City website at www.cedarhilltx.com to find answers and request services from the City.

Single-stream recycling



Aluminum cans



Newspapers



Glass bottles & jars



Tin & steel cans



Magazines & junk mail



Plastic bottles & jugs



Green changes

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terial will reduce the amount of trash going into landfills.

Bulky items included

Residents may put out one bulky item out for weekly collection. Bulky items are defined as furniture, appliances, bicycles, carpeting (cut into 4 ft. bundles) and fencing (4-ft. lengths, no concrete).

Waste Management will not collect hazardous waste, including paint, pesticides, petroleum derivatives or explosive items. The City schedules hazardous waste collection locations twice a year. Visit www.cedarhilltx.com/HHW for more information.

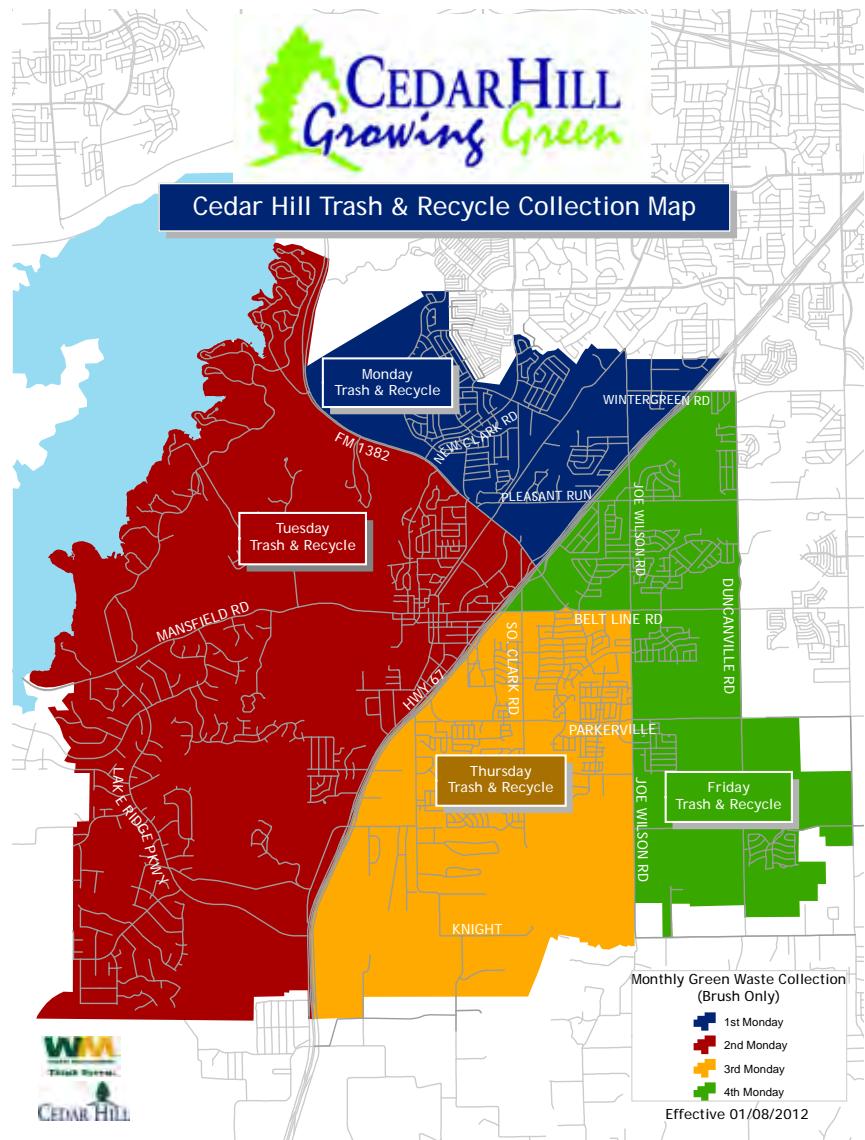
Single-stream recycling

Waste Management employs single-stream recycling which means you don't have to sort your recyclable materials. Just put all eligible materials in your recycle cart with the yellow lid and place it at the alley or the street by 7 a.m. on your collection day.

The following are not acceptable for recycling: foam packaging, soiled food containers (pizza boxes) plastic grocery bags, food waste/garbage, light bulbs, window glass, mirrors or yard waste.

Optional trash cart

To request a 96-gal.-wheeled trash cart (for a \$2 monthly charge) go to www.greencedarhill.com or call 972.291.5100 x1200.



Green waste

Brush and tree limbs, up to 10 cu. yds., are collected every month. View the collection map to see your collection week. For larger quantities, call Waste Management at 1.800.772.8653 for a price quote.

Collection schedule

Waste Management will provide trash and recycling collection once a week, starting at 7 a.m.

If your collection is missed due to a holiday or inclement weather, there are make up days. Monday and Tuesday missed collections will be picked up

on the next Wednesday. Thursday and Friday collections will be picked up on the next Saturday.

There will be no collection on Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day or New Year's Day.

Place your cart(s) and trash bags at the curb or alley no earlier than sundown on the day before collection and no later than 7 a.m. the day of collection. After collection, carts should be removed from the front yard or alley by the evening of your collection day.



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City Council photos

November 8, 2011



Darren Fajardo, a fourth-grade student at Highlands Elementary receives his STAR Student award Council Member Cory Spillman who read the engraving at the November 8 City Council Meeting.



Zoey Hill, a fourth grader at Waterford Oaks Elementary is applauded by Council Members Parvin, Spillman and Haydin as she receives her STAR Student award.



Keahnna Cooper, a fourth-grade student at Lake Ridge Elementary receives her STAR Student award from Council Member Clifford Shaw.

Your survey input will help

The Cedar Hill Parks and Recreation Department wants your input to help the Adult Athletic Program to continue to grow and prosper. We need your improvements and new ideas to entice participation and make the most of our great facility. It is our goal that all programs reflect our commitment to providing the best service possible.

Please take the survey at www.surveymonkey.com/s/chathletics.

Community Calendar

December 2011

13 City Council Meeting

6 p.m. Briefing Meeting, Regular City Council Meeting begins at 7 p.m. Government Center, 285 Uptown Blvd., First Floor, Cannady Room.

19 - Jan. 2 Cedar Hill schools close for holidays

For more CHISD calendar information visit their website at www.chisd.org.

23 - 26 City offices and some facilities close for Christmas

Government Center offices will be closed. The Recreation Center and Senior Center will be closed. The Library will be open on Dec. 23. The Tri-City Animal Shelter will be open on Friday, Dec. 23 and again on Monday, Dec. 26.

31 Recreation Center closes at 6 p.m.

Opens Tuesday, January 3.

January 2012

2 City offices and some facilities close for New Year's holiday

Government Center offices will be closed. The Recreation Center and Senior Center will be closed. The Library and the Tri-City Animal Shelter will be open.

Trash will not be collected on Tuesday; next collection Thursday, Jan. 5.

9 New trash/recycling collection schedule begins

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February 2012

6 First day to file for City Council candidacy

Persons interested in running for one of the two City Council positions up for election on Saturday, May 12 must pick up a candidate packet and return it by March 5, 2012 to be eligible. Packets will be available by mid-February in the City Secretary's office on the 4th floor of the Government Center.

For the latest updates, visit the City Calendar on www.cedarhilltx.com . Click on "View All"

Contacts

After Hours	972.780.6643
Alarm Monitoring	972.230.5248
Animal Control	972.223.6111
City Administration	972.291.5100x1010
City Secretary	972.291.5100x1011
Code Enforcement	972.291.5100x1090
Economic Develop. Corp.	972.291.5132
Fire Department <i>Non-emergency</i>	972.291.1011
Human Resources	972.291.5100x1050
Library	972.291.7323
Municipal Court	972.291.5100x1041
Neighborhood Services	972.291.5100x1084
Parks & Recreation	972.291.5100x1500
Parks Rain-outs	214.855.9758
Parks Special Events	214.890.6977
Police Department <i>Non-emergency</i>	972.291.5100x2400
Public Relations	469.272.2903
Public Works	972.291.5126
Recreation Center	972.293.5288
Senior Center	972.291.5353
Tri-City Animal Shelter	972.291.5335
Utility Billing	972.291.5100x1200

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"We have to anticipate, use time and resources efficiently" he said, "with an awareness of the competition and how we can attract businesses and residents who share our positive outlook."

"I am convinced," Mayor Franke said, "that the answer lies in our unique location, our functional and diverse population, our identification in the metropolitan area and our partnerships."

Changing paradigm

In the past, he said, cities have had two options guiding development: either 'Build it and they will come' or 'Build it when they come.' "The role of local government is changing" he continued, "we have to shift the paradigm".

Our City has built and maintained infrastructure and given it away for free use, he said. Now we must "share risks and costs, position ourselves for partnerships with those who receive a benefit from what we do."

He explained that many cities used their rapid growth to fund infrastructure for even more growth. And now many of those suburban cities are becoming landlocked. Our city is only about half built out. That gives us some great opportunities and requires careful planning.

He listed planning priorities as: down-

town, a future bond issue, guidance for our boards and commission members, the highway 67 corridor, rental property issues, Growing Green, code enforcement and eminent domain policy.

Our history of planning and partnerships, he said, leads us to natural alignments with those who share our values, like Northwood University, the Audubon Center, the State Park, sustainability supporters and businesses.

"We're not blurring the lines of government but clarifying them and dividing what we do best - vision, quality of life, networking, public services - from what the private sector does best - efficiency, opportunity, creating value." He continued, "Clarifying those values makes it possible for our community to benefit from public/private partnerships, including green projects, parks, retail and a corporate campus."

Mayor Franke concluded by speaking of legacy. "Just imagine," he said "a future where families and businesses flourish in a safe and clean environment and this City has retained its distinctive character over the years. This will be our legacy."

Alarm Monitoring



For only \$25 a month, you can have your home or business alarm monitored by the same professional staff that dispatches police and fire crews for the City of Cedar Hill.

Instead of your alarm notifying someone several states away, this

system connects directly into our local 9-1-1 call center.

Saving seconds can save lives.

It's only \$25 a month and there is no long-term contract required. For more information contact SWRCC at 972.230.5248.

The Cedar Hill Police Department will check your home while you are away on vacation.

You can get more information and download the form on the City website at <http://bit.ly/chpdvac>

The 2012 Cedar Hill Museum of History calendar

is still available for only \$10. Purchase online at www.cedarhill-museum.com or call 972.293.3806 or visit Patty Bushart in the Neighborhood Services office on the second floor of the Government Center.



A City ordinance requires yard sales and garage sales to be registered online at www.cedarhilltx.com or by calling 972.291.5100 x1090. Register online or call by Thursday to get on the list.

It's free and it will advertise your sale on the list published Fridays on the city website at www.cedarhilltx.com/garagesale.



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