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Spring disposal programs aid in clean-up efforts

March is here, which means spring is around the corner. And that means spring-cleaning is around the corner, too. Several programs are available locally to help with those efforts — from the City of Bartlesville’s free yard waste collection, Spring Coupon campaign and ongoing recycling program, to the multi-agency event, “Operation Clean House.” Take advantage of any or all of these services to get your home and property ready for the spring and summer seasons!

Spring Coupon good for 1 free trip to landfill

What is this?

The Spring/Fall Coupon Program allows Bartlesville residents to make one free trip to Osage Landfill anytime during a six-month period. The Fall Coupon expired Dec. 31, 2016. The Spring Coupon may be used anytime between Jan. 1 through June 30, 2017.

How do I get a Spring Coupon?

The Utility Billing Department began sending out Spring Coupons last week. All households should receive their coupon this billing cycle.

How do I use it?

Take your unwanted items to the Osage Landfill during regular business hours, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, and 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday.

Is there a limit on how much I can take?

Customers will be allowed to transport their debris in a single personal vehicle or vehicle/trailer combination.

Is there anything not permitted?

All appliances that have compressors must have the compressors removed before disposal. The compressor can be disposed if it is removed. Items that ***will not be accepted***

are tires, batteries, hazardous material, wet paint, appliances that have not had the compressor removed (refrigerators, freezers, air conditioners, etc.) and demolished structures. The appliance must be certified “Freon free” if the compressor is not removed.

Are there any other requirements or restrictions?

Be prepared to present a current City of Bartlesville utility bill at the landfill. Coupons may not be duplicated. This program does not apply to commercial accounts or contractors.

For more information, contact the Public Works Department at 918-338-4131.

Operation Clean House: Dispose of hazardous household items

What is this?

“Operation Clean House” is a multi-agency event that gives Washington County residents an opportunity to dispose of hazardous household items in an environmentally responsible manner free of charge.

When is it and where?

The 2017 event will be held between 8 a.m. and 2 p.m. on Saturday, April 22, at two drop-off locations:

- The Phillips 66 parking lot, west of the railroad tracks on Adams Boulevard
- Washington County District 2 Barn, 399000 W. 1500 Road, Dewey

What items will be accepted?

Accepted items include things like compact fluorescent bulbs, pollutants, household cleaners and toxins, yard care products, pesticides, herbicides, acids, paint thinners, household flammable liquids, smoke alarms, oil-based paints, pharmaceuticals and electronics.

What will NOT be accepted?

Items that ***will not be accepted*** include ammunition, biohazardous waste, explosives, household batteries, latex paints, pressurized gas cylinders, radioactive waste and trash. For a complete list of items that will and will not be accepted, see <http://countycourthouse.org/events/view/event/operation-clean-house>.

For more information, contact Washington County Commissioners at 918-534-1170.

Yard waste collection: Free pick up leaves/grass May 1-5

What is this?

Each year, the City’s Solid Waste Department provides free leaf and grass collection for City of Bartlesville residents. This year’s event will be held May 1-5, 2017.

What should I do?

Place your bagged leaves or grass at the curb on your normal collection day. (Yard waste stickers will not be required during this special collection week, and clear or colored bags may be used.)

Are there any restrictions?

This grass and leaf collection is for private residences only. There will be no commercial collections.

How many bags of yard waste will be permitted?

There is no limit on the number of bags a resident can put out for this collection, although residents should comply with all other standard refuse regulations. Note that extra bags of household refuse outside the cart must have the red refuse sticker attached.

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City of Bartlesville Recycling: Center located at 10th & Virginia**What is this?**

The City of Bartlesville has a recycle center, located at 10th Street and Virginia Avenue. The site is open 6:30 a.m. through 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, and from 6:30 a.m. to noon on Saturday. The center is closed on Sundays and holidays.

What is accepted?

Permitted items include plastics No. 1 and No. 2; cardboard, including cereal and other paperboard boxes (note: cardboard must be flattened to fit inside the container or cut into 3×3 pieces), brown and white paper bags; newsprint, magazines, office paper, aluminum cans, jar lids and wound paperboard containers.

Are there any restrictions?

Items that are not permitted are: glass (including jars, mirrors, windows or bottles), commercial business, Styrofoam, plastics No. 3 or No. 7, oil or antifreeze containers, window glass, ceramic plates, light bulbs (of any type, including fluorescent), plastic bags and packaging, food and wet waste, plastic 6-pack rings. **Also, flammable, toxic or hazardous items are not permitted, nor is medical waste, including those inside containers.**

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