



01 SPRINGFEST 2025

TULSA'S PREMIER GARDENING MARKET

SpringFest, Tulsa Garden Center's must-visit annual educational event for all things gardening, returns for the 70th year to Woodward Park, 2435 S. Peoria Ave., on Friday, April 11, and Saturday, April 12. Hours of operation for both days will be from 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Thousands of eager green thumbs kick off their gardening season at SpringFest. Come shop from lots of vendors offering a wide variety of plants, garden art, and more, while expert horticulturalists solve all your garden queries.

Come out early and snag some breakfast before you shop or purchase a yummy lunch and find a spot in the Arboretum to throw down a blanket and relax before completing your plant wish list. Additionally, many of the Woodward Park plant societies will have curated plants for sale at their educational booths.

This event is free for the public, and all event proceeds benefit educational programming, beautification, and historic preservation for the 45-acre Woodward Park campus. For more information, visit tulsagardencenter.org/springfest or to become a member, visit tulsagardencenter.org/join



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02 SAFE MEDICINE DISPOSAL

NEVER FLUSH MEDS DOWN TOILETS

Do you have unused or expired medications sitting around? Proper disposal helps protect your family and the environment. Leftover medicines should never be kept where they could be misused by others, especially children or teens.

It's also important to avoid flushing medications down the toilet. Our wastewater treatment plants are unable to remove the chemicals found in medications and so trace amounts of these drugs are discharged into local streams, harming aquatic wildlife.

Tulsa makes it easy for residents to safely get rid of unwanted prescription drugs. Participate in the National Drug Take-Back Events held every spring and fall with the next event in spring 2025.

Citizens can also drop-off unwanted prescription drugs year-round, excluding holidays and weekends, at one of the three Tulsa Police Division headquarters and to the Tulsa County Sheriff's office.

- **Tulsa Police Gilcrease Division**, 3436 N. Delaware Ave., 8 a.m.-4 p.m.
- **Tulsa Police Mingo Valley Division**, 10122 E. 11th St., 8 a.m.-4 p.m.
- **Tulsa Police Riverside Division**, 7515 S. Riverside Dr., 8 a.m.-4 p.m.
- **Tulsa County Sheriff**, 303 W. First St., 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

03 EMERGENCY SIRENS

LEARN WHAT TULSA'S SIRENS MEAN

Being prepared when disaster strikes helps save lives and property, prevent injury and decrease recovery costs. Knowing about warning sirens and how they sound can help you take the right protective action. Also, be sure to download the Tulsa Ready app on your phone.

Tulsa has 102 siren locations in and near the city, with each siren reaching an approximately one-mile radius. The sirens' tones are intended to warn people who are outdoors about severe weather and other civil emergency threats. Tulsa's warning sirens are tested live each Wednesday at noon, weather permitting, or silently when weather does not permit.

Three Types of Sounds:

Three-minute "steady, one-note" tone – is activated when the National Weather Service issues a tornado warning including the city of Tulsa. The tone also is activated if the National Weather Service forecasts 80 mph winds within 30 minutes of the city of Tulsa. This tone is steady, but it may sound like it is changing due to changes in wind velocity and direction. Upon hearing this tone, seek shelter immediately and monitor media for weather information. When seeking shelter during severe weather, avoid flood prone areas.

Three-minute "high-low" tone – is activated when the National Weather Service issues a flood warning for the city of Tulsa, and/or City of Tulsa hydrologists, in coordination with the Tulsa Area Emergency Management Agency and first responders, have verified that flood waters are escaping creek or river channels and are threatening structures. Upon hearing the flood sirens, you should immediately move to higher ground and monitor weather radios and broadcast media for further information. During any flood or high-water event, motorists should avoid driving through flood waters, and remember to "Turn Around Don't Drown."

Three-minute "wavering" tone – is like the "wailing" sound made by police and fire vehicles and is used only to warn of nuclear attacks.

To hear what Tulsa's different types of warning sirens sound like, you can visit: www.cityoftulsa.org/sirens

WORK IN THE GARDEN?

VISIT CITY OF TULSA'S MULCH SITE

Tulsa is a green city, and our yards generate a lot of organic or garden materials – what we call "green waste." Green waste is a valuable source of mulch for your flower beds and can be used on land reclamation sites. The site also offers firewood.

Located at 2100 N. 145th East Ave., the City of Tulsa Mulch site is a location where residential and commercial customers can bring green waste. The site is open Monday through Tuesday from 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., closed on Wednesday and open again Thursday through Sunday from 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., excluding City holidays.

Customers can drop-off plant material including leaves, grass, tree limbs, brush, logs under 24 inches in diameter, straw, and chipped trees.

These services are available to everyone and are free to City of Tulsa, Broken Arrow, Jenks and Bixby utility customers. Customers must bring their driver's license or most recent City utility bill.

The City of Tulsa charges a small drop off fee to commercial customers and residents of cities not listed above. Fees are paid by credit or debit card prior to dumping. No other form of payment will be accepted.

Anyone, regardless of where they live, can pick up an unlimited amount of mulch and firewood at **NO COST**.

For more information, please visit: cityoftulsa.org/mulch.



04 POLLUTANT DISPOSAL

BRING CHEMICALS TO CITY FACILITY

Start your spring cleaning by ridding your home of chemicals and potentially hazardous items. Bring them to the City of Tulsa Household Pollutant Collection Facility, 4502 S. Galveston Ave., open Wednesdays and Saturdays, 8-11:30 a.m. and noon-4:30 p.m., excluding City holidays. Since opening in 2016, this facility has served nearly 11,000 customers who have disposed of more than 867,197 pounds of household pollutants.

Tulsa residents may dispose of pollutants free at the facility. Disposal fees may apply for non-Tulsa residents bringing more than 45 pounds. A Swap Shop also is open at the Household Pollutant Collection Facility, where customers may take up to five items for free.

The Household Pollutant Collection Facility is open for residential customers but not businesses disposing of commercial wastes. For more information about household pollutant disposal in Tulsa, see: www.cityoftulsa.org/hpcf

Accepted Items:

- Oil-based paints and thinners
- Latex paint
- Automotive fluids, flammable liquids
- Fluorescent and CFL lightbulbs
- Cooking oil/grease
- Aerosols, household cleaners
- Household and car batteries
- Pool and lawn chemicals
- Small electronics, mercury thermostats

Non-Accepted Items:

- Large electronics (TVs, monitors, computers)
- Industrial or commercial waste
- Medical or biomedical waste (syringes, needles)
- Asbestos
- Food or organic waste
- Radioactive material
- Ammunition, explosives
- Tires
- Unknown materials or substances