



01 HALLOWEEN SAFETY

PEDESTRIANS AND DRIVERS: USE CAUTION

To keep trick-or-treating fun for kids on Halloween, adults need to pay special attention to safety. Motorists should watch carefully for children walking along the roads and be aware that costumed children having fun may forget to check for cars.

According to the National Safety Council, children are more than twice as likely to be hit by a car on Halloween than on any other day of the year. Lack of visibility because of low lighting at night also plays a factor in these incidents.

For safe Halloween trick-or-treating, here are some tips to follow, from the American Red Cross:

- **Plan Ahead:** Parents or guardians should know their children's trick-or-treat route. Young children should always be accompanied by an adult.
- **Be Visible:** Equip trick-or-treaters with flashlights or glow sticks, add reflective tape to costumes and treat bags, and choose light-colored clothing when possible.
- **Walk Smart:** Use sidewalks whenever available. If no sidewalks exist, walk facing traffic at the edge of the roadway. Look both ways before crossing, use crosswalks or corners, and never dart out between parked cars.



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02 LEARN FIRE SAFETY

CHECK SMOKE ALARMS; PLAN AN ESCAPE

October is Fire Prevention Month, making it the perfect time to review the basics of fire safety with your family. Two of the most important steps you can take are making sure your home has working smoke alarms and creating a clear escape plan in case of fire.

The National Fire Protection Association recommends the following safety measures:

- **Install smoke alarms in every bedroom, outside each sleeping area, and on every level of your home. Alarms should be mounted high on walls or ceilings and placed away from kitchens to reduce false alarms.**
- **Test alarms monthly and replace any that don't work properly. All smoke alarms should be replaced 10 years after their manufacture date, which can be found on the back of the device.**
- **Have an escape plan. Draw a simple map showing exits from every room and identify a safe meeting place outside. Be sure to mark the locations of smoke alarms on the plan.**
- **Keep escape routes clear and check that windows open easily. Practice your home fire drill at least twice a year, and make sure children know how to get out on their own if necessary.**

When making your plan, remember to close doors behind you as you leave. This simple step can slow the spread of smoke and fire, giving your family valuable extra minutes to get to safety. Once outside, never re-enter the home.

Fire Prevention Month is also a great time to talk with children about fire safety and to check in on older relatives or neighbors to make sure their smoke alarms are working. Taking these steps now can help ensure that the entire community is prepared and protected.

For more information on home fire escape planning, scan the provided QR code.





03 PET WASTE DISPOSAL

HELP KEEP STORMWATER RUNOFF CLEAN

Stormwater runoff from our yards enters the city's storm drain system, which empties into the creeks, streams and rivers in the city of Tulsa. Pet waste enters these waterways by way of stormwater runoff.

The City of Tulsa monitors and regularly samples streams and stormwater outfalls for dozens of potential pollutants and uses bacterial source tracking to help identify pollutant sources. In several Tulsa creeks, test results show that human and dog waste are the leading sources of bacterial pollution.

As a pet owner, you can help keep creeks free of pollutants by picking up your pet's waste. Take a plastic bag or pooper scooper along on your walk. To reduce potential health hazards to our streams, here's how to dispose of pet waste:

- **Flush it into the sanitary sewer,**
- **Bury it in your yard, or**
- **Throw it in your gray trash cart.**

Save our streams. Disposal of anything other than stormwater to the storm drain system is a violation of city ordinances. To help keep our waterways clean and healthy, report to **311** any sewer overflow or unusual discharge to the storm drain system.

CITY CLOSINGS

UPCOMING CITY-OBSERVED HOLIDAYS

As the holiday season approaches, the City of Tulsa wants residents to be aware of upcoming closures. While City Hall, Municipal Court and other facilities will be closed in observance of Veterans Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's, emergency services such as police, fire, and EMS will continue to operate on these holidays.

The following holiday closures will occur on:

- **Tuesday, Nov. 11: Veterans Day**
- **Thursday/Friday, Nov. 27-28: Thanksgiving/Day After**
- **Wednesday/Thursday, Dec. 24-25: Christmas Eve/Christmas**
- **Thursday, Jan. 1, 2025: New Year's**

If you experience a water or sewer emergency during these closures, call our 24-hour emergency lines:

- **Water: (918) 596-9488**
- **Sewer: (918) 586-6999**

For other non-emergency need, you can call:

- **Police: (918) 596-9222**
- **Fire: (918) 596-9977**
- **Community Services Information: 211**

Even when offices are closed, many City services are still accessible. Residents can pay utility bills, report issues, and find information about programs at www.cityoftulsa.org. Planning ahead to use these online resources can help you save time during the busy holiday season.



04 RECYCLE RIGHT, TULSA

FILLING YOUR BLUE RECYCLING CART

Every Tulsa household is provided with a 96-gallon blue recycling cart, giving residents an easy way to recycle at home. Participation is not mandatory but is included in all service plan rates so that every resident can take part.

Tulsa's curbside recycling program is as simple as following these reminders:

- **Do not bag recyclables.**
- **Empty all recyclables before placing them in the blue recycling cart.**
- **Place all recyclables loosely in the blue recycling cart.**
- **Make sure your cart is ready for pickup by 5 a.m. on your collection day.**
- **Make sure that the lid on your cart is closed.**
- **Position your cart at the curb with lid opening toward the street.**

Only place these four categories of recyclables in your blue recycling cart:

- **Aluminum and Steel Cans**
- **Paper and Cardboard**
- **Plastic Bottles and Jugs**
- **Glass Jars and Bottles**

More than 80 percent of typical household waste can be recycled. By placing more items in your blue cart, you can reduce the amount of trash that goes into your gray cart.

Keep in mind that any item placed in the blue recycling cart, other than those listed above, is contamination, which increases recycling costs. By lowering the contamination rate, the City will be able to save money on recycling processing fees and trash tipping fees, which in turn keeps trash rates down for residents. Remember this advice: **"When in doubt, check it out, or throw it out."**

Go to our website to take our recycling quiz to test your knowledge about the City of Tulsa's recycling program! Call **311**, or visit tulsarecycles.com for more information.