



01 THE FUTURE STARTS IN PRE-K

ENROLL YOUR CHILD NOW!

Pre-K is **free** at all public schools and plays an **essential** role in setting students up for long-term success in school and beyond.

In fact, research shows that children who attend Tulsa area Pre-K programs become stronger readers, develop better math skills, and enter kindergarten more prepared than children who do not attend Pre-K. These early advantages help students build confidence and a love of learning that lasts beyond the classroom.

Tulsa Pre-K programs are led by trained, certified educators who create a safe and supportive environment for children as they transition into full-time school. Through evidence-based curriculum, students learn letter sounds and numbers while also developing essential social skills like sharing, cooperating with others, and following the rules.

The benefits of Pre-K extend far into the future. Studies show children who attend Pre-K are more likely to graduate high school, achieve middle-class status by age 40, experience improved health outcomes, and have less involvement with the justice system.

Save your seat: enroll early! **Save your utility bill as your proof of address**, and visit prektulsa.com to learn more about the programs available to your child.



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02 SPRINGFEST 2025

TULSA'S PREMIER GARDENING MARKET

SpringFest, Tulsa Garden Center's must-visit annual educational event for all things gardening, returns for the 71st year to Woodwod Park, 2435 S. Peoria Ave., on Friday, April 10, and Saturday, April 11. Hours of operation for both days will be from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Thousands of eager green thumbs kick off their gardening season at SpringFest. The annual SpringFest garden market is one of the largest educational events hosted by the Tulsa Garden Center each year, and the longest-running garden market in the state. 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

03 EMERGENCY SIRENS

LEARN WHAT TULSA'S SIRENS MEAN

Being prepared before an emergency can help save lives, prevent injuries, and reduce recovery costs. Understanding Tulsa's outdoor warning sirens, and knowing how to respond when you hear them, can help you take the right protective action. Residents are also encouraged to download the Tulsa Ready app for real-time alerts and emergency updates.

Tulsa has 102 outdoor warning sirens located in and around the city, each covering approximately a one-mile radius. The siren's tones are designed to alert people who are outdoors to severe weather and other civil emergencies. Sirens are tested live each Wednesday at noon, weather permitting, or tested silently when conditions do not allow for an audible test.

Tulsa uses three types of sounds:

Three-minute "steady, one-note" tone – 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 – 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 – A "wailing" sound similar to police and fire vehicles, used only to warn of nuclear attacks.

To hear examples of Tulsa's different warning sirens, 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 produce a large amount of organic material, often called green waste. Instead of throwing it away, this material can be reused to create mulch for flower beds, landscaping projects, and land reclamation efforts.

The City of Tulsa Mulch Site, located at 2100 N. 145th East Ave., provides a convenient place for both residential and commercial customers to drop off green waste.

Accepted materials include leaves, grass clippings, tree limbs, brush, straw, chipped trees, and logs under 24 inches in diameter.

The mulch site is open Monday and Tuesday from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., closed on Wednesdays, and open again Thursday through Sunday from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., excluding City holidays.

Drop-off services are free for utility customers of the City of Tulsa, Broken Arrow, Jenks, and Bixby. Customers must bring a valid driver's license or their most recent city utility bill.

Commercial customers and residents of other cities are charged a small drop-off fee, payable by credit or debit card only prior to dumping.

Best of all, anyone, regardless of where they live, can pick up an unlimited amount of mulch at no cost.

For more information, visit: cityoftulsa.org/mulch



04 SAFE MEDICINE DISPOSAL

NEVER FLUSH MEDICINE DOWN TOILETS

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

It's also important not to flush medications down the toilet or pour them down the drain. Wastewater treatment plants are not designed to remove the chemicals found in many medications. As a result, trace amounts can enter local streams and waterways.

Tulsa makes it easy for residents to safely dispose of unwanted prescription medications. Residents are encouraged to participate in National Drug Take-Back Events.

Citizens can also drop-off unwanted prescription drugs year-round, excluding holidays and weekends, at one of the following:

- **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.