

live green in Plano



FALL 2014

NEWS

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Check out the new opportunities we're offering to Learn 2 Live Green (L2LG) year round!

Instead of waiting for April to roll around with all its associated Earth Day activities, we're focusing on green living practices you can employ throughout the year. Enjoy L2LG Learning Adventures more often, with more targeted focus, in venues which allow more personal attention and interaction with staff and subject matter experts. Discover something new with us this year and make living green something you do daily! Mark your calendars and plan now. Join us during events throughout the year which incorporate learning and community involvement opportunities to reduce your footprint on the Earth.



November 15, 2014
Texas Recycles Day Celebration & One Stop Drop Collection Event
9 a.m. – Noon, Chase Oaks Church
Clean out your closets and garage and bring items for recycling and reuse. Stay and enjoy additional fun recycling and composting activities.

March 14, 2015
Save Drops, Save Watts
Discover easy changes you can make to save energy and water in your home.

April 4, 2015
Great American Cleanup & Earth Day Celebration
Oak Point Park Amphitheatre
Community-wide litter cleanup, complete with volunteer appreciation picnic and Earth Day Celebration!

May 16, 2015
Water-Wise Landscape Tour & Talks
Tour local Texas SmartScape landscapes and learn from experts about water efficient landscaping and water conservation practices.

Coming - June 2015
Go Green, Breathe Clean
Explore personal and community actions to lessen impacts on air quality.



learn2livegreen.com

Texas Recycles Day Celebration

Join the fun - learn something new about recycling!

CHASE OAKS CHURCH PARKING LOT 281 LEGACY DR., PLANO 75023
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 9 AM - NOON

One Stop Drop Collection Event

Clean out closets, garage and attic, then bring the following reusable items (clean and in good condition) to this one day drop-off collection.

NEW!

Compost Fair

FREE!

Pre-registration required at livegreeninplano.obsres.com.
Registration deadline: **Nov. 12**

Recycle yard trimmings and food waste into garden nutrients! Rotate through the stations and learn:

1. What to put in AND what to leave out
2. How to build a hot compost pile
3. Types of composting bins
4. How to use compost
5. Food waste composting with worms
6. Food waste composting with bokashi

Complete the stations and reserve a price-discounted bin.

Questions: 972.769.4130 or livegreeninplano.com



Real Recycling Truck Experience

Climb into the driver's seat, get behind the wheel, and operate the automated arm!



New Leash on Life Mobile Animal Shelter

Visit the trailer, choose a pet and recycle a life!



Got Questions?

Visit with our Customer Service team. You can request your 2nd recycle cart FREE and learn how to earn a FREE year of Waste Services.



Bicycles* – bikes in all conditions for donation to children and adults of all ages

Partner: Bikes for Tykes and Bicycle Recycle



Books* – for sale in library lobbies and during annual summer sale to support library programs

Partner: Friends of the Plano Public Library



Smart Phones & iPads – smartphones and iPads with Wi-Fi capability will be refurbished for the new multi-media instructional center at Christie Elementary School.

Partner: Chase Oaks Church



Clothing & Textiles – gently used & clean men's, women's, children's clothing and shoes; belts, purses, wallets, hats, caps, backpacks, stuffed animals; hard toys; kitchen pots, pans and metal serving items

Partner: World Wear Project



Eye Glasses, Hearing Aids & Cell phones* – prescription eyeglasses & sunglasses, reading glasses, frames & accessories; Hearing Aids and cell phones

Partner: Plano Evening Lions Club

*Non-profit organizations may provide receipts; no other organization will provide donation receipts.



Pet Products – pet carriers/ crates, towels, small rugs, spray bottles, pens and other office supplies, pet beds, shirt boxes, Flea/tick control products, toys, Igloo style dog houses

Partner: Plano Animal Services



Knitting Supplies – yarn, needles & crochet hooks for seniors who create blankets for the hospitals

Partner: Plano Senior Recreation Center



Blankets & Sheets – clean, gently used – priority for twin size, but any size accepted

Partner: The Samaritan Inn



Document Shredding – TWO BOX limit per household (13"x16"x26") No commercial business paperwork accepted. Secure on-site shredding

Partner: DFWshredding.com



Recycle Right All-Star Program

Are you a recycling All-Star? Do you know what's recyclable in Plano's residential single-stream program? The City's Recycle Right All-Star program is creating some friendly neighborhood competition to help Plano reach its 50 percent recycling goal.

Residents are selected as All-Stars when they recycle the right items in their recycling carts, and they don't trash recyclable materials in their trash carts. Each day, collection drivers randomly select carts to audit. A Recycle Right All-Star sticker is awarded if there are only recyclables in the recycling cart and only trash in the trash cart.

To increase the chance of being audited for recognition, Plano residents should opt-in to the program online: recyclerightplano.com. For collection drivers to accurately identify addresses, residents must comply with the City of Plano's Fire Code. This requires house street numbers are clearly visible from the street and/or alleyway collection point. (a minimum number size of 4 in. or 6 in. is preferred). Ideal placement for alleyway identification is above the garage door, on the fence next to the driveway or painted on the center of the driveway.

Recycle Right All-Stars are eligible for monthly and quarterly drawings.

Prizes include:

- a set of stainless steel recycle cans and/or
- a free year of collection services (valued at up to \$180) from Environmental Waste Services.

Residents who opt-in to the program receive periodic email updates about the program and recycling right in Plano. Look for Recycle Right All-Star Carts around Plano!

For the latest list of acceptable recycling items: plano.gov/recyclables



Tips From the Cart Recycling: What's In & What's Out

One of the biggest recycling cart contaminants is **yard trimmings** which includes grass clippings, leaves, brush, tree limbs and even small Christmas trees.

Yard trimmings can be recycled, just not in your recycling cart. When yard trimming material is placed in the recycle cart, it must be manually separated from the recycle stream at the material recovery facility. This causes delays and added expense in the recycling process. In addition, contamination drives up the recycling operating costs and could lead to a rate increase if the problem continues.

To properly recycle your yard trimmings, place the material in brown paper lawn bags or stack the material in manageable 4 ft. x 4 ft. x 6 ft. piles on your regular trash collection day.

The material is picked up weekly and delivered to the Regional Composting Facility. Here it is processed, then marketed as **Texas Pure Products** (compost, topdressing, pro-bedding mix and wood mulches).



Keep Texas Pure Products Clean

Have you ever purchased a bag of Texas Pure Products and had something in it other than excellent compost or mulch? Did you know you are the most important resource for our compost feedstock? Keep the brown paper lawn bags you place out for your weekly collection free of non-compostable debris. This makes the difference between getting clean, Texas Pure Products or getting products contaminated with debris such as: aluminum can fragments, bottle caps, pieces of plastic bags or film, planter containers, metal spikes and nails.

Help us help you! Make sure only grass clippings, leaves, brush and/or limbs are inside your brown paper lawn bags. Learn more at our website and watch the "Keep It Clean" video: texaspureproducts.com.

Smart Energy LOAN PROGRAM

The Smart Energy Loan (SEL) Program provides Plano homeowners with a variety of affordable financing options for energy efficiency upgrades including (but not limited to):

- Hot Water Heating Systems
- HVAC and Heat Pump Replacements
- Whole House Weatherization Package
- Replacement of Household Appliances
- Solar Screen and Daylighting Systems
- Window Replacement

Streamlined Emergency Process is available!
Get more info or apply online!

SmartEnergyLoans.com



The Smart Energy Loan Program is established through the Department of Energy in conjunction with an Energy Efficiency Conservation Black Grant.

Convenient Electronics Recycling

Electronics contain valuable metals and components which can be used again to make other products. Take your outdated small appliances, laptops, modems, cables, cords and more to one of our convenient Saturday drop-off recycling locations.

There is a disposal fee of \$5 for traditional cathode ray tube (CRT) monitors and \$10 for televisions (TVs). Beginning December 1, the fees for TVs will be based on screen size. The disposal fee for TVs 32-inches and smaller will remain \$10 and TVs larger than 32-inches will have a fee of \$20. TVs, CRT and/or liquid crystal display (LCD) monitors with broken screens are not accepted. Units with broken screens can be recycled through other programs which accept damaged monitors or disposed of through the monthly bulky waste collection.

For a full listing of electronic waste accepted at these collection events: plano.gov/electronics.

First Saturday of every month
9 a.m. - Noon
First United Methodist Church,
3160 E. Spring Creek Pkwy., Plano 75074

Second Saturday of every month
9 - 11 a.m.
St. Andrew United Methodist Church,
5801 W. Plano Pkwy., Plano 75093

Third Saturday of every month,
9 - 11 a.m.
Christ United Methodist Church,
3101 Coit Rd., Plano 75075





Master Composter Training

If you're passionate about composting and enjoy sharing your knowledge with others, then become a State of Texas Master Composter. Learn how to improve your soil's health by diverting valuable garden resources from the landfill back into your landscape. The 16-hour, four-class series is a unique opportunity to gain a more in-depth understanding of the composting process and insights on sharing this knowledge with others.

Through a combination of hands-on activities and in-classroom learning, attendees are trained to become composting ambassadors in their communities. Residents enrolling in Master Composter training are asked to complete 20 hours of community service to advance local composting efforts. Graduates perform a variety of roles in their communities, including: building compost piles in community gardens, helping students manage their school worm bins, conducting workshops, and serving as composting representatives at community events.

Develop your composting knowledge and confidence, and become a leader and resource for your community. Register for the four-session series at livegreeninplano.obsres.com.

Class Schedule:

- 7 – 9 p.m., January 29 & 30
- 8 a.m. – 5 p.m., January 31
- 7 – 9 p.m., February 19

Location: Environmental Education Center, 4116 W. Plano Pkwy, 75093.



Harness Nature's Power: Create a Healthy, Beautiful Landscape

Join us every Wednesday, 7 – 9 p.m., February 4 through March 4, for the **Landscape for Life** workshop series. We'll show you how to work in cooperation with nature, no matter where you are - on a suburban lot, a 20-acre farm or the common area of your condominium. Home gardens can improve the quality of your neighborhood and its environmental health. It's possible to create a great-looking garden that's healthy for you, your family, your pets and your community. By working with nature, you'll save time, energy, money and most important for Texans - water.

This hands-on, five-class series covers the role of successful soil practices, water capture and conservation and plant material selection in a sustainable, eco-friendly garden design. Before your garden awakens from its winter rest, spring into action! Register for this FREE series: livegreeninplano.obsres.com.

Rainy Day Harvest

Come learn how easy it is to use a rain barrel at one of our Rain Barrels 101 classes. Classes are offered from 10 - 11 a.m. OR 7 - 8 p.m. on Tuesday, February 3 and 7 - 8 p.m. on Thursday, March 12.

Rain barrels are an easy way to save money on your water bill while providing water for your garden, shrubs and trees. Plus, did you know rain barrels can improve water quality in our creeks and lakes by reducing the runoff from our yards? This runoff carries pollutants down the storm drains which feed into local waterways. Register: livegreeninplano.obsres.com.

Water Smarter This Winter

As the weather gets cooler, plants grow more slowly and require less water. The need for supplemental irrigation from sprinklers is reduced or eliminated. It's best to operate your system manually this winter and pay attention to rainfall.

Sign-up for **Water My Yard** (watermyyard.org), a program developed by Texas A&M AgriLife Extension, to receive email recommendations on how long to run your sprinklers based on local weather, type of sprinklers you use and plant water requirements.

Install a rain/freeze sensor to ensure your sprinklers don't turn on during freezing temperatures and cause icy sidewalks and roadways. The City offers a \$50 rebate for the purchase and installation of a rain freeze sensor on existing irrigation systems. The rebate has been expanded to offer an additional \$25 rebate if you choose to have a licensed irrigation professional install the sensor. For more information about water conservation rebates and to download an application: plano.gov/waterrebates.

For the most current water restrictions and a copy of the watering calendar: plano.gov/water.

Winter-Wise Landscaping Tips

Your garden may be slowing down, but there is still plenty of gardening to do before the winter sets in.

- Bring in sensitive potted plants during freezing temperatures or cover them with a blanket to insulate.
- Place Texas Pure Mulch at least 3 inches deep around all of your plants to retain moisture and regulate the soil temperature. Do this before the first freeze, which is typically around mid-November.
- Groom the garden by raking up leaves, pulling up dead annuals, and pruning back woody perennials. Now is the time to do major reshaping of shade trees and remove mistletoe from bare limbs.
- Turn the sprinkler system to the off position. Remember to water your landscape once every three weeks if there is less than 1 inch of rainfall during this period.
- Run your sprinklers or hand water your plants eight to ten hours before freezing temperatures. This creates moisture in the ground and keeps root systems from becoming damaged.

Rain Barrel Sale

Back by popular demand! Plano will host a rain barrel sale this February. Residents loved their Ivy Rain Barrels last year. While these are available again, there's a new barrel to consider. This year's model is made from 100 percent recycled plastic and costs \$67. Buy two or more barrels and receive a discounted price - \$65 each! Barrels must be pre-ordered online by February 22 at rainbarrelprogram.org/plano.

Pick-up is scheduled from 9 - 11 a.m., Saturday, February 28 in the parking lot located at the Parkway Service Center, 4120 W. Plano Pkwy, Plano 75093.





Cease the Grease this Holiday Season

The fast approaching holiday season means many of us will host family gatherings, enjoy scrumptious entrees covered in gravy, and indulge in buttery desserts afterwards. Most people understand how indulgence in decadent holiday foods affects the waistline, but few people realize the impact of gravy, salad dressing, turkey drippings, butter, grease and cooking oils on the City's plumbing system.

Fats, oils and greases (FOG) cause costly clogs in the pipes of your home, and they accumulate in sewage pipes and lead to blockages and overflows. On top of being costly, overflow from sewer pipes can result in sewage water running off in the street, entering the storm drain system, and ultimately polluting our nearby creeks.

Not sure what to do with your used turkey fry oil or cooking oil? Recycle it! Place cooking oil in rigid plastic containers - labeled and secured with screw top lids. Contact Environmental Waste Services Customer Service at (972) 769-4150 to schedule a FREE pickup of the oil at your house.

For other fats, oils and grease, simply follow these easy tips for disposal:

- Pour cooled grease into a sturdy, sealable container and dispose of it in the trash.
- Soak up small amounts of cooking oil, such as meat drippings, with a paper towel and throw it in the trash.
- Wipe pans clean with a paper towel to remove grease residue before scrubbing them clean.
- Use a food strainer to prevent food scraps from going down the drain and empty the strainer contents into the garbage.

Litter Trailer and Cleanup Opportunities

As the holiday season ramps up in our community, it's important to remember litter never takes a holiday. Consider adding a community service project to your family gatherings and volunteer to clean up a creek, park or your neighborhood. Litter cleanups are even more important during the rainy season when more litter is washed from city streets and parks into creeks. Recruit a few friends, family members or co-workers to clean up an area near you or contact us to find a location in need.

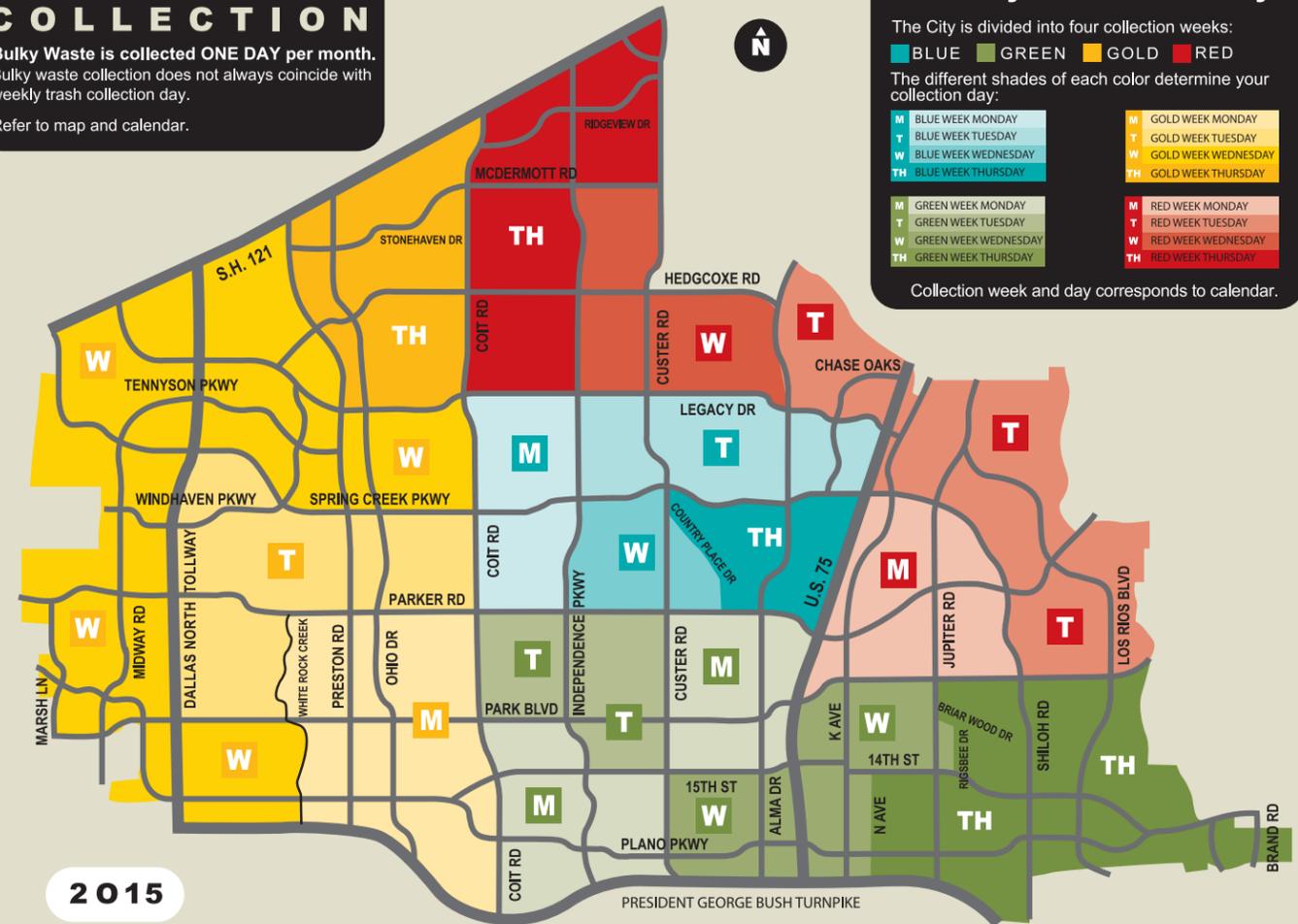
The City of Plano supplies the disposable gloves, vests, pickup sticks and bags. You supply the people power and the enthusiasm for making Plano a healthier, litter-free place to live. To register your group, contact Heather Firn at heatherf@plano.gov or register online: plano.gov/cleanups.

Neighborhoods who organize cleanups can request the Neighborhood Cleanup Dumpster be placed on site to make trash collection easier. Contact us to find out more and inquire about our on-site litter trailer complete with all the supplies you need for a successful cleanup.

BULKY WASTE COLLECTION

Bulky Waste is collected **ONE DAY** per month. Bulky waste collection does not always coincide with weekly trash collection day.

Refer to map and calendar.



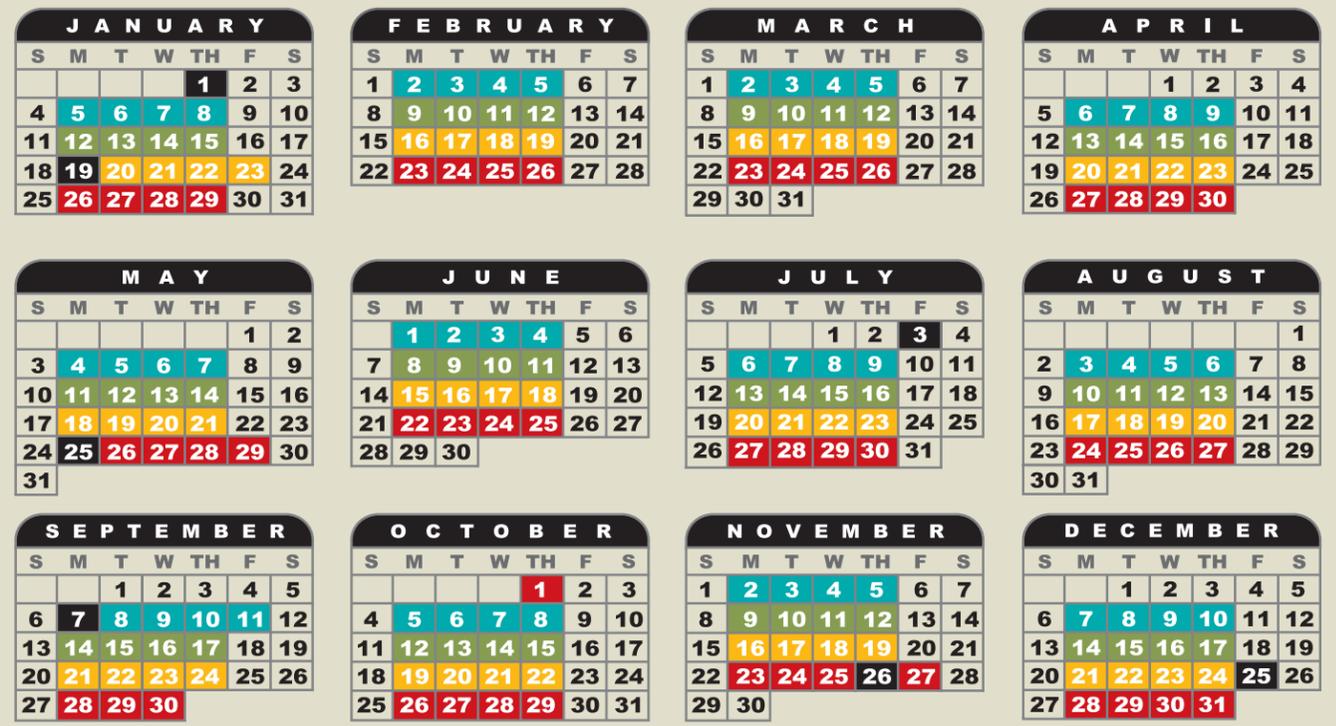
When is your collection day?

The City is divided into four collection weeks:

- BLUE WEEK MONDAY
- BLUE WEEK TUESDAY
- BLUE WEEK WEDNESDAY
- BLUE WEEK THURSDAY
- GREEN WEEK MONDAY
- GREEN WEEK TUESDAY
- GREEN WEEK WEDNESDAY
- GREEN WEEK THURSDAY
- GOLD WEEK MONDAY
- GOLD WEEK TUESDAY
- GOLD WEEK WEDNESDAY
- GOLD WEEK THURSDAY
- RED WEEK MONDAY
- RED WEEK TUESDAY
- RED WEEK WEDNESDAY
- RED WEEK THURSDAY

Collection week and day corresponds to calendar.

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Environmental Waste Services Customer Service 972.769.4150

planoenvironmentalwaste.com

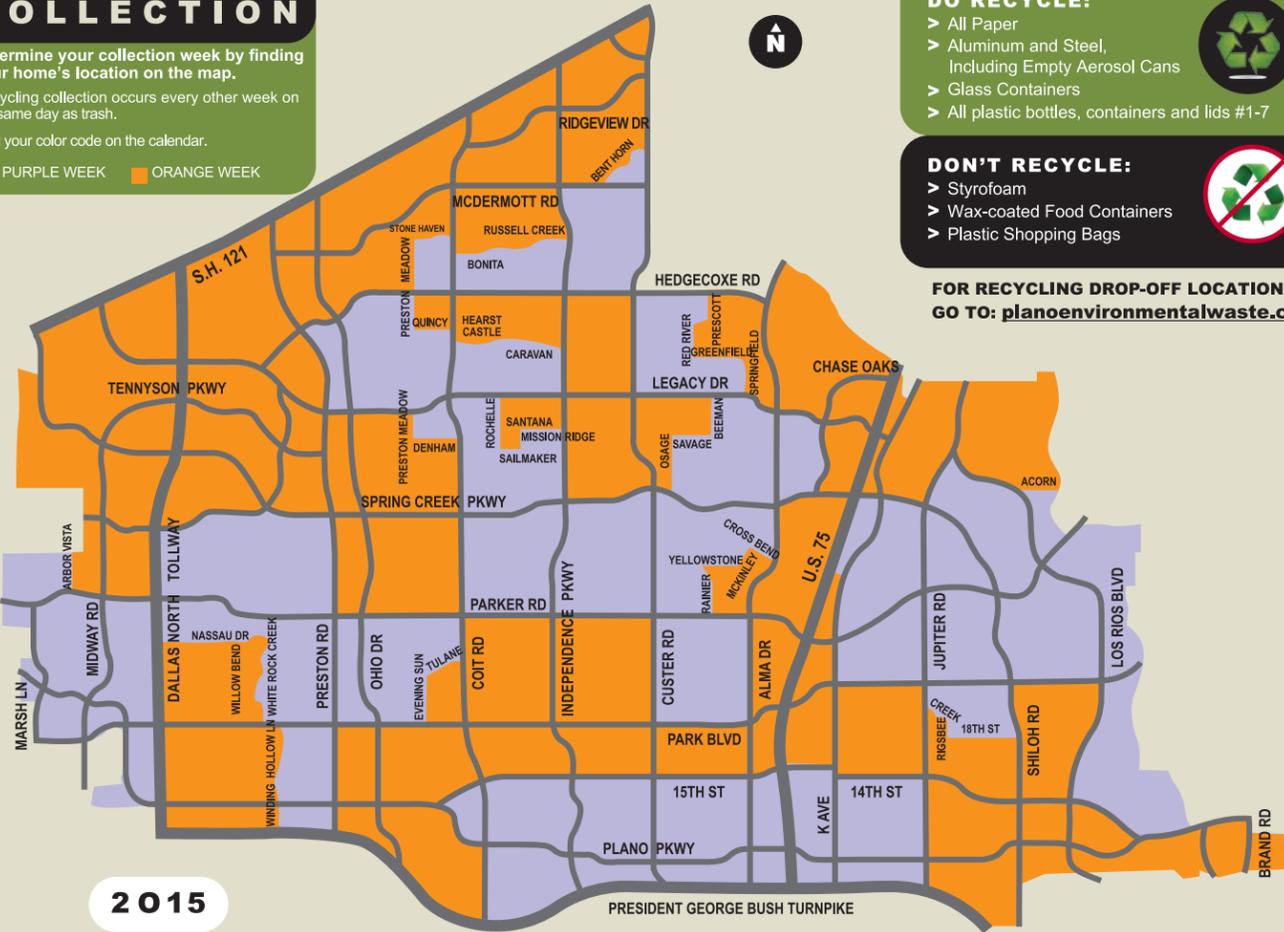


RECYCLING COLLECTION

Determine your collection week by finding your home's location on the map. Recycling collection occurs every other week on the same day as trash.

Find your color code on the calendar.

■ PURPLE WEEK ■ ORANGE WEEK



- DO RECYCLE:**
- All Paper
 - Aluminum and Steel, Including Empty Aerosol Cans
 - Glass Containers
 - All plastic bottles, containers and lids #1-7

- DON'T RECYCLE:**
- Styrofoam
 - Wax-coated Food Containers
 - Plastic Shopping Bags

FOR RECYCLING DROP-OFF LOCATIONS GO TO: planoenvironmentalwaste.com

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JANUARY							FEBRUARY							MARCH							APRIL						
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The Natural Choice for Private Events

Are you looking for a different location for holiday parties and special meetings this season? The Environmental Education Center (EEC) is a beautiful green venue, perfect for business meetings and workshops, or private intimate receptions, weddings, showers and small reunions.

This Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Platinum-certified building includes beautifully landscaped grounds and outdoor patio areas perfect for relaxing and socializing. Amenities include state-of-the-art audio/visual equipment, tables, chairs, galley kitchen with dishes, flatware and stemware. For more information, availability and pricing: eecevents.com or call (972) 769-4130. Drop by the EEC located at 4116 W. Plano Pkwy., Plano 75093 and experience it for yourself!

Powerful Potting Mix

Do you ever need a bag of high-quality organic potting mix to fill a pot or planter, but don't want to wrestle with a 40 pound bag? Texas Pure Products offers a small bag of potting mix made just for you. It's the perfect size to fill a pot for your window sill or use in your household potted plants.

Texas Pure Powerful Potting Mix is the best product on the market today. It is the only product available which contains earthworm castings as the nitrogen-source and is a completely natural, organic product safe for your pets, children and you. Texas Pure's potting mix contains only the best ingredients: organic compost, earthworm castings, finely shredded hardwoods and expanded shale. It is very high in nutritional value, is rich in beneficial microbial life, and provides excellent drainage while building natural disease resistance in your plants. This mix is ready to use and needs no additional fertilizers. Fill your pots, set your plants or sow your seeds, water, then grow!



Quality
TEXAS Pure
 PRODUCTS
 LOCALLY PRODUCED FOR LOCAL SOILS
POWERFUL POTTING MIX
 HEALTHY PLANTS START WITH HEALTHY SOIL.
 REDUCES WINTER USE
 PROTECTS DOGS
 KILLS WEEDS
 NET CONTENTS - 8 QUARTS
POWERFUL POTTING MIX

Cut out and save schedule for your reference all year.

Calendar of Events

All classes and workshops require registration online: livegreeninplano.obsres.com

NOVEMBER

- 2 Nature Explore Family Club**
3 - 4 p.m.
FREE, Register Online
- 3 Nature Explore Family Club**
9:30 - 10:30 a.m.
FREE, Register Online
- 15 Texas Recycles Day Celebration: One Stop Drop Collection & Compost Fair**
9 a.m. - Noon, Chase Oaks Church
281 Legacy Dr., Plano 75023
FREE, Register Online
- 20 Sustainability Library Series: Energy**
7 - 8:30 p.m., Harrington Library
1501 18th St., Plano 75074
FREE, Register Online

DECEMBER

- 7 Nature Explore Family Club**
3 - 4 p.m.
FREE, Register Online
- 8 Nature Explore Family Club**
9:30 - 10:30 a.m.
FREE, Register Online

Unless noted otherwise, all events are held at the Environmental Education Center, 4116 W. Plano Pkwy., Plano 75093

JANUARY

- 11 Nature Explore Family Club**
3 - 4 p.m.
FREE, Register Online
- 12 Nature Explore Family Club**
9:30 - 10:30 a.m.
FREE, Register Online
- 14 Organic Vegetable Gardening 101**
7 - 8:30 p.m.
FREE, Register Online
- 15 Sustainability Library Series: Urban Agriculture**
7 - 8:30 p.m., Harrington Library
1501 18th St., Plano 75074
FREE, Register Online
- 21 Success with Seeds**
7 - 8:30 p.m.
FREE, Register Online
- 29 - 31 Master Composter Training (Sessions 1 - 3)**
7 - 9 p.m., January 29 and 30
8 a.m. - 5 p.m., January 31
FREE, Register Online

Environmental Education Center Garden Workdays

9 a.m. - Noon, Saturdays: Nov. 8, Dec. 6, Jan. 10 and Feb. 14
A waiver must be submitted at least three days before workday.
More info: plano.gov/gardenopportunities

Plano Community Garden Workdays

4030 W. Plano Pkwy., Plano 75093
9 a.m. - Noon, Saturdays: Nov. 22, Dec. 13, Jan. 24 and Feb. 28
A waiver must be submitted at least three days before workday.
More info: planocommunitygardentx.org

FEBRUARY

- 3 Rain Barrels 101**
10 - 11 a.m. OR 7 - 8 p.m.
FREE, Register Online
- 4 through March 4 Landscape for Life Series**
7 - 9 p.m., Five consecutive Wednesdays
FREE, Register Online
- 8 Nature Explore Family Club**
3 - 4 p.m.
FREE, Register Online
- 9 Nature Explore Family Club**
9:30 - 10:30 a.m.
FREE, Register Online
- 17 Small Gardens, Big Results**
7 - 9 p.m.
FREE, Register Online
- 19 Sustainability Library Series: Consumerism**
7 - 8:30 p.m., Harrington Library
1501 18th St., Plano 75074
FREE, Register Online
- 19 Master Composter Training (Session 4)**
7 - 9 p.m.
FREE, Register Online
- 28 Rain Barrel Pick-Up**
9 - 11 a.m., \$67, Pre-order online
(required by February 22): rainbarrelprogram.org/plano.
Parkway Service Center,
4120 W. Plano Pkwy, Plano 75093

CITY HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

Thanksgiving

City Offices, Texas Pure Custer Retail Facility, Texas Pure Regional Composting Facility, North Texas Municipal Water District Transfer Stations and 121 Regional Disposal Facility are closed on Thursday, November 27.

City Offices are closed on Friday, November 28.

Household Chemical Reuse Center is closed on Saturday, November 29.

Christmas

City Offices, Texas Pure Custer Retail Facility, Texas Pure Regional Composting Facility, North Texas Municipal Water District Transfer Stations and 121 Regional Disposal Facility are closed on Thursday, December 25.

City Offices are closed Friday, December 26.

New Year's

City Offices, Texas Pure Custer Retail Facility, Texas Pure Regional Composting Facility, North Texas Municipal Water District Transfer Stations and 121 Regional Disposal Facility are closed on Thursday, January 1.

Martin Luther King, Jr.

Household Chemical Reuse Center is closed Saturday, January 17.

City Offices, Household Chemical Reuse Center, Texas Pure Custer Retail Facility and Texas Pure Regional Composting Facility are closed on Monday, January 19.

COLLECTION SCHEDULE CHANGES

Thanksgiving

NO collection service on Thursday, November 27.
Trash, recycling, yard trimmings and bulky waste collections slide forward one day for **Thursday only** (Thursday on Friday).

Christmas

NO collection service on Thursday, December 25.
Trash, recycling and bulky waste collections slide forward one day for **Thursday only** (Thursday on Friday).

NO yard trimmings collections December 29 through January 2.

New Year's

NO collection service on Thursday, January 1.
Trash and recycling collections slide forward one day for **Thursday only** (Thursday on Friday).

Martin Luther King, Jr.

No collection service on Monday, January 19.
Trash, recycling, yard trimmings and bulky waste collections slide forward one day (Monday on Tuesday, Tuesday on Wednesday, through Friday).

Christmas Tree Drop-off Sites

No residential yard trimmings are collected the week of Dec. 29 – Jan. 2 due to the removal of excess holiday trash. Residential yard trimmings collection resumes Monday, Jan. 5.

Prior to setting trees out for collection or taking them to a drop-off location, remove the ornaments, lights, stand and other decorations from trees and greenery.

All recycled trees and greenery are processed at the Regional Composting Facility for products marketed as Texas Pure Products. These include compost, topdressing, pro-bedding mix and wood mulch.

Texas Pure Products are locally made for local soils and sold by the bag or cubic yard.

Have yours delivered directly to your yard, garden or business.
For more information: texaspureproducts.com or call (972) 769-4150.

From Dec. 26 - Jan. 4, drop-off sites are available for Christmas trees and live greenery at these locations:

Russell Creek Park, 3500 McDermott Rd., Plano 75025

Schell Park, 2100 Laurel Ln., Plano 75074

Carpenter Park, 6701 Coit Rd., Plano 75024

Old Shepard's Place Park, 1301 Winding Hollow Ln., Plano 75093

Notice: Oversized Cardboard Box Drop-off Sites Discontinued

Due to lack of use and illegal dumping of non-acceptable materials, Environmental Waste Services will discontinue the oversized cardboard drop-off sites following the Christmas holiday.

Plano residents should break down the oversized boxes, fold flat and place them out for weekly yard trimmings collection for recycling.

Do not place boxes within two feet of trash and recycling carts.



Custer McDermott Animal Hospital
Pictured left to right: David Cinclair, DVM, Keith, dog and patient: Jimmy Hayley, Practice Manager

Primrose School of West Plano
Pictured left to right: Meg Correa, Director of Curriculum, Tracy Howe, Executive Director, and Rebekah Griffin, Director of Admissions

Money Grows on Trees: Green Business Certification Program

Businesses adopting best practices for sustainability and conservation save money on utility bills, purchasing and much more. Along with increasing their bottom line, these businesses are using resources more responsibly. Plano's Green Business Certification Program recognizes businesses with environmentally friendly operations.

Certified businesses feature sustainable practices and use of green technologies to reduce their environmental impact.

To learn more, visit plano.gov/greenbusiness or check out Plano's Green Business Certified companies:

Food Establishments Category

- Hirsch's Meats
- LYFE Kitchen
- Snappy Salads
- Whiskey Cake
- Wholesome Grub

Multifamily Category

- Cityscape at Market Center
- The Villas at Chase Oaks

Office/Retail Category

- Aqua-Fit Aquatics
- Collin County Association of Realtors
- Custer Road Animal Hospital
- Eltek
- Harley Davidson Financial Group
- The Grove School
- Legacy Trails Dental
- Primrose School of West Plano
- Signs By Tomorrow

Up In Smoke: Electronic Vaping

The Plano City Council passed amendments to Plano's smoking ordinance in July. In these amendments, the use of Electronic Vaping Devices (EVDs) is considered smoking. With this change, vaping is prohibited at the same locations where smoking tobacco is prohibited. For additional information on Plano's smoke free regulations: plano.gov/583/Smoking-Ordinance-Information.



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