

HAYS MATTERS

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REFUSE & RECYCLING HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

SEPTEMBER 2020

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
Labor Day Holiday 7	Mon & Tues Routes 8	9	10	11

NOVEMBER 2020

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
9	Tues & Wed Routes 10	Veteran's Day Holiday 11	12	13
23	Tues & Wed Routes 24	Thurs & Fri Routes 25	Thanksgiving Holiday 26 27	

DECEMBER 2020

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
21	Tues & Wed Routes 22	Thurs & Fri Routes 23	Christmas Holiday 24 25	

DECEMBER 2020 / JANUARY 2021

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
28	29	30	Thurs & Fri Routes 31	New Year's Day Holiday 1

BACK TO SCHOOL TRAFFIC SAFETY



When school begins, the Hays Police Department would like to remind drivers to slow down around schools. School zones are 20 mph and fines double, but more importantly, plan a little extra time in the mornings and afternoons when traveling to or around schools. Do not pass school buses in either direction if their stop signs are extended out and their red lights are flashing. Allow pedestrians to clear the crosswalks, and do not drive in the designated bike lanes. Do not be distracted with a cell phone, food, or other items when driving. Buckle up, keep your eyes on the road, and slow down to ensure arriving at your destination safely. Let's do our

part to keep it safe around the schools.

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ANNUAL ALLEY CLEANUP SCHEDULED TO BEGIN MONDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2020

The 2020 Annual Alley Cleanup will consist of **one, and only one**, complete sweep through the city beginning **October 19th**. **No set schedule has been established; however, residential curbside services will be first with residential regular alley services following.**

The citywide general schedule for alley services will start after curbside collections are completed. The number of employees committed to the task may vary from day to day; therefore, crews are unable to predict when they will be by a residence. City crews have a time limit of 20 minutes per residence.

As in previous years, the City **WILL NOT pick up tires and hazardous waste**. Tires should be disposed of at the Ellis County Landfill, and hazardous waste should be disposed of at the Ellis County Hazardous Waste Facility. Please call 628-9460 (Ellis County Landfill) or 628-9449 (Ellis County Hazardous Waste Facility) for more information.

The Annual Alley Cleanup Program is an opportunity for residents to discard items that would not be picked up in normal trash collection.

Waste should be placed in four separate piles in preparation of the Alley Cleanup. The piles should be organized in the following manner:

1. **Tree limbs and brush** (no longer than 12 feet in length or 6 inches in diameter).
2. **Construction and Demolition Debris**, i.e., lumber, drywall, bricks, sinks, wires, etc. (please pull or bend over nails and place small quantities of concrete, bricks, and plaster in containers).
3. **White Goods/Metals**, i.e., guttering, siding, washing machines, dryers, refrigerators, metal swing sets, etc.
4. **Municipal Waste** (all other items), i.e., furniture, carpet, TVs, computers, garden/yard waste, etc. **All yard and garden waste MUST be bagged.**

Again, the Alley Cleanup Program will begin on **October 19th** and will continue until **ONE** sweep through the city has occurred. All items should be set out by this date, as crews cannot make any return trips. To avoid creating a nuisance, please **DO NOT** set any items out before October 3rd. Remember, crews cannot predict when they will be by a residence, so **HAVE ALL ITEMS OUT BY OCTOBER 19TH BUT NOT BEFORE OCTOBER 3RD.**

NOTE: Alley cleanup is for City of Hays residential customers paying for refuse services.

****TO AVOID WRONGFUL PICK UP, "TREASURED ITEMS" SHOULD BE TAGGED OR REMOVED FROM THE COLLECTION AREA****

Help make City of Hays alleys clean and safe for all!

REMINDER - Free disposal of tree limbs is available for City of Hays residents at the Ellis County Transfer Station, 1515 W. 55th, Mon thru Fri, 8 am to 5 pm, Sat 9 am to 5 pm.

POOL DRAINING QUICK TIPS

As we approach the end of the outdoor swimming season, pool owners many times have questions on how to correctly drain/backwash their swimming pools and filters. The following only applies to chlorinated pools, not saltwater pools.

Option 1: Use pool water to irrigate your yard. Dechlorinate your pool water to undetectable levels prior to irrigation. Drain slowly to allow water to percolate, and be cautious around landscape that may be sensitive to excess salt content. Water from filter backwashing can also be used to irrigate your lawn/landscape.

Option 2: Pool water can be drained directly to our storm sewer system. Make sure pool water is dechlorinated to an undetectable level prior to draining. The drain hose should be extended to the City curb or drained through vegetation to the

curb, with water being allowed to flow in the street gutter. Pools should not be drained into alleys. This can cause alley damage and is also a City Ordinance violation. Water from filter backwashing should not drain to the City's storm sewer, as this water is not dechlorinated to an environmentally safe level.

Option 3: Pool water can be drained directly into your sanitary sewer, normally at an exterior cleanout. This water will be treated at the City's Chetolah Creek Water Reclamation & Reuse Facility. When draining your pool into the sanitary sewer, care must be taken to not exceed your drain line's flow capacity.

Contact the City of Hays Stormwater Division or Office of Water Conservation for more information at 628-7350.