

HAYS MATTERS

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REFUSE & RECYCLING HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

SEPTEMBER 2021

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
Labor Day Holiday 6	Mon & Tues Routes 7	8	9	10

NOVEMBER 2021

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
8	9	Wed & Thurs Routes 10	Veteran's Day Holiday 11	12
22	Tues & Wed Routes 23	Thurs & Fri Routes 24	Thanksgiving Holiday 25 26	

DECEMBER 2021

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
20	21	22	Thurs & Fri Routes 23	Christmas Eve Holiday 24
Christmas Day Celebrated 27	Mon & Tues Routes 28	29	Thurs & Fri Routes 30	New Year's Day Celebrated 31

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 FALL CLEANUP SCHEDULED TO BEGIN MONDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2021

The 2021 Annual Fall Cleanup will consist of **one, and only one**, complete sweep through the city beginning **October 18th**. **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 785-628-9460 (Ellis County Landfill) or 785-628-9449 (Ellis County Hazardous Waste Facility) for more information.

The Annual Fall 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 Fall 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). Small Quantities Only!
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 Fall Cleanup Program will begin on **October 18th** 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 1st. Remember, crews cannot predict when they will be by a residence, so **HAVE ALL ITEMS OUT BY OCTOBER 18TH BUT NOT BEFORE OCTOBER 1ST.**

NOTE: Fall 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 Hays
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 St., Mon-Fri (8:00 am to 5:00 pm), Sat (9:00 am to 4:00 pm).

SWIMMING POOL DRAINING

The following are the appropriate actions for draining **chlorinated pools** in the city of Hays.

Option 1: Use pool water to irrigate your lawn. Prior to irrigation, dechlorinate your pool water to an undetectable level. Drain slowly to allow the water to percolate and not run off your property. Follow the advice of a lawn care professional or pool professional regarding irrigating your specific landscape with pool water.

Option 2: Discharge pool water directly to the City storm sewer system. Make sure pool water is dechlorinated to an undetectable level prior to draining. The drain hose should be extended close to the street curb, allowing pool water to flow into the street gutter. Pools should not be drained into alleys. This can cause alley damage and is a City Ordinance violation.

Water from filter backwashing should not be drained to the City's storm sewer, as this water is not dechlorinated to an environmentally safe level.

Option 3: Drain pool water directly into the sanitary sewer. When draining your pool into the sanitary sewer, care must be taken to not exceed your drain line's flow capacity. The City recommends contacting a licensed plumber to confirm your sanitary sewer is adequate before employing this type of pool draining.

Saltwater pools can contain enough salt to be harmful to freshwater organisms and plant life. Options for draining saltwater pools are limited. For specific information about draining saltwater pools, or any other related questions, contact the City of Hays Stormwater Division at 785-628-7350.