

HAYS MATTERS

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Refuse and Recycling Holiday Schedule

SEPTEMBER 2023

MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI
Labor Day Holiday 4	Mon & Tues Routes 5	6	7	8

NOVEMBER 2023

MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI
6	7	8	Thurs & Fri Routes 9	Veteran's Day Celebrated 10
20	Tues & Wed Routes 21	Thurs & Fri Routes 22	Thanksgiving Holiday 23	24

DECEMBER 2023

MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI
18	19	20	Thurs & Fri Routes 21	Christmas Eve Celebrated 22
Christmas Day Holiday 25	Mon & Tues Routes 26	27	28	29

JANUARY 2024

MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI
New Year's Day Holiday 1	Mon & Tues Routes 2	3	4	5

Chlorinated Swimming Pool Draining Options

Three options are available for draining chlorinated swimming pools. For **Options 1 or 2**, discontinue the addition of chlorine several days prior to draining.

- **Option 1**—Discharge dechlorinated pool water to the City storm sewer at the street gutter. Never drain pool water into the alley.

- **Option 2**—Use the dechlorinated pool water for onsite irrigation of turf and landscape.
- **Option 3**—Discharge pool water directly to the sanitary sewer through a sufficient drain connection.

Please contact the Hays Stormwater Division with all pool draining questions at (785) 628-7350.

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Annual Fall Cleanup Scheduled to Begin Monday, October 16, 2023

The 2023 Annual Fall Cleanup will consist of **one, and only one**, complete sweep through the City beginning October 16th. **No set schedule has been established; however, residential curbside services will generally be first with residential regular alley services following.**

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 20-minute time limit per residence; however, a limit of 10 minutes will be placed on tree limbs and brush.

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 provides 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., gutting, 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 16th** 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 SET OUT BY OCTOBER 16TH 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 - Year-round 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).

Back to School Traffic Safety

KIDS ARE BACK TO SCHOOL!



TAKE EXTRA PRECAUTIONS IN SCHOOL ZONES

The Hays Police Department would like to remind everyone that school will be back in session this month and that everyone will need to drive cautiously with the increase in vehicle and pedestrian traffic.

Back to school safety is everyone's responsibility, and it is how we keep our children safe. Some traffic safety tips to remember are:

- Slow down and obey the speed limit. Remember that fines are doubled in the school zones.
- Never pass a school bus that has the stop sign out with the light flashing, regardless of the direction you are driving. This is state law.

- Watch out for other vehicle and pedestrian traffic. This may include new drivers or young children.
- Allow pedestrians to clear the crosswalk, and do not drive in the designated bike lanes.
- Do not be distracted by cell phones, food, or other items while driving.
- Please make yourself aware and follow the school drop-off and pick-up plan as provided by the school.

Please remember to buckle up, keep your eyes on the road, and give yourself extra time to reach your destination safely. We hope everyone has a safe and happy school year.

