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News Release

Fall Cleanup Week and Day will be next week in Arkansas City

Extra trash pickup coincides with regular pickup; volunteers needed Oct. 14

ARKANSAS CITY, Kan. (October 5, 2017) — The City of Arkansas City will conduct its annual Fall Cleanup Week refuse collection event next week throughout the city, in conjunction with normal pickup.

Fall Cleanup Week will culminate in a special Fall Cleanup Day event starting at 8 a.m. Oct. 14.

This event will be a perfect opportunity for youth groups, civic clubs, churches, and other nonprofit organizations to lend a helping hand to their neighbors and friends who are in need of some assistance.

Volunteers will be assigned to one of six cleanup zones to help to clean up the downtown and main corridors of Arkansas City prior to Arkalalah, as well as assist property owners who have requested it.

The event begins with coffee and donuts at 8 a.m. under the Wilson Park rotunda. Volunteers then will be supplied with bags, equipment, waiver forms, and maps and routes for their assigned areas.

To volunteer yourself or a group you are part of, please call Public Information Officer Andrew Lawson at (620) 441-4415 or send him an email at alawson@arkansascityks.gov.

Volunteer groups can work throughout the day on Oct. 14 if they want to do so. Cleanup also can be done on your own in assigned areas during the week leading up to Fall Cleanup Day or afterward.

Electronic waste recycling also will be offered Oct. 14. There will be a drop-off location at the park.

Fall Cleanup Week details

Fall Cleanup Week will coincide with the regularly scheduled refuse collection days for each part of Arkansas City. City crews will pick up non-household trash and debris from Monday through Friday.

Items suitable for pickup should be bundled, boxed, bagged or tied, and must not exceed 50 pounds in weight. For tires of up to pickup truck size or items that exceed 50 pounds, special arrangements can be made by calling the Public Works Department at (620) 441-4480 prior to your scheduled pickup day.

Old appliances without Freon and furniture will be picked up in reasonable quantities. City crews also will pick up **ONE** appliance that contains Freon, such as a refrigerator or freezer, per household.

Place household garbage and trash in your normal container pickup location by 6 a.m.

Please do not place cleanup debris or trash in the gutter or in the ditch. Old trash containers need to be tagged or smashed before disposal. Items that **cannot** be accepted for pickup by City crews include:

- Loose leaves, brush or tree trimmings these need to be taken to the F Street burn pit;
- Construction, remodeling or roofing materials;
- Electronic waste such as computers these can be dropped off Oct. 14 at Wilson Park;
- Concrete blocks, rocks or dirt;
- Quantities of iron, sheet metal and/or wire;
- Vehicles or car bodies and mechanical parts;
- Paint or chemicals of any kind. These items can be taken to the Cowley County Landfill.

Leaves, brush and tree trimmings will be accepted at the F Street burn pit from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday. The site is located on the east side of F Street, north of Chestnut Avenue and south of Linden Avenue.

For questions about what items can or cannot be accepted for pickup, please call (620) 441-4480.