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News Release

Spring Cleanup Day is April 6; Citywide Pickup Week to follow

Extra trash pickup coincides with regular schedule; call ahead for larger items

ARKANSAS CITY, Kan. (April 2, 2019) — The City of Arkansas City will conduct its Citywide Pickup Week refuse collection event on April 8-12 throughout the city, in conjunction with normal pickup days.

Citywide Pickup Week will kick off with a special Spring Cleanup Day event starting at 8 a.m. April 6.

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.

"April 7-13 also has been designated as National Volunteer Week in Arkansas City, so this is a great chance for volunteers to get out and help others on the same day as the National Volunteer Week kickoff event in Winfield," said Public Information Officer Andrew Lawson.

Volunteers will be assigned to work in City parks or assist property owners who have asked for help.

To volunteer, please call Lawson at (620) 441-4415 or email him at alawson@arkansascityks.gov.

The event will begin with breakfast at 8 a.m. under the Wilson Park rotunda. Volunteers then will be assigned areas and supplied with trash bags and equipment. The main cleanup period will be from 9 a.m. to noon. "If you can bring a broom or a rake, that would be a huge help to us," Lawson said.

Volunteer groups can work throughout the day on April 6 if they want to do so. Cleanup also can be done on your own in assigned areas during the week leading up to Spring Cleanup Day or afterward.

"We encourage people to spend Spring Cleanup Day by cleaning up their yards and properties, as well as helping their neighbors," Lawson said. "Every small contribution makes our city a little cleaner."

Electronic waste recycling also will be offered April 6. There will be a drop-off location at the park.

There is a slight chance of rain on April 6, but current forecasts indicate the rain will hold off until the afternoon. However, the cleanup event will be canceled in the event of lightning in the morning.

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“Please use your best judgment regarding the weather conditions,” Lawson said. “If it’s just drizzling, there are still things we can do. But if it is absolutely pouring, we advise volunteers to just stay home.”

Citywide Pickup Week details

Citywide Pickup 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 — this can be dropped off April 6 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 Thursday 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.

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