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Clean Sweep: City Wide Clean-Up and Trash Pickup Efforts!

Spring Guidelines for Bulk Trash Pickup, E-Waste and Shred Days, and Aluminum Can Collection World Record!

GALVESTON, TX (April 16, 2014) – It’s time to clean sweep Galveston Island! The City has multiple cleanup events and practices every resident can take advantage of to create a greener, cleaner island.

Citywide Clean Up Dates

Citywide Clean-Up May 2014 dates have been set for **Friday and Saturday, May 9 and 10 for 53rd Street, west to Point San Luis, and Friday and Saturday, May 16 and 17 for 53rd Street to East End**. Residents are encouraged to place materials next to their garbage carts by 7AM on the collection days scheduled for their area. Please note the City will suspend bulk trash collection starting Monday, May 1. This service will resume on Monday, May 19, following the conclusion of the clean up.

The public is cautioned against piling material under electrical wires or low hanging tree limbs since litter pick up trucks require significant vehicle clearance. Any material not picked up on Friday or Saturday will be collected on the regularly scheduled garbage day.

Friday & Saturday, May 9 & 10 53 rd Street (west) – Point San Luis 7:00 AM to 4:00 PM – Friday 7:00 AM to 4:00 PM – Saturday	Friday & Saturday, May 16 & 17 53rd Street – To East End 7:00 AM to 4:00 PM – Friday 7:00 AM to 4:00 PM – Saturday
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Drop Debris Loads for FREE at the Transfer Station all MAY Long!

The City is waiving the fee for residential refuse customers to drop off materials at the Transfer Station for the entire month of May. Residents must present a current City of Galveston water bill confirming they pay for city refuse service as well as photo ID; copies of utility bills will not be accepted. Residents must be present at the drop off. The Transfer Station, located at 5515 Harborside, is open 8AM – 5PM, Monday – Friday and 8AM – 3PM, Saturdays. (Note: Saturday hours are extended for May 10 and 17 only)

Appliance Disposal at the City's Recycling Center!

All white goods and appliances, including those without Freon and compressors, may be dropped off at the City's Recycling Center, located at 702 61st Street. Newspapers, glass, plastic, tires (up to five), cardboard, and Styrofoam are also accepted. The facility is open 8 AM to 4:45 PM Monday through Saturday. Convenient after hours drop off bins are located outside of the facility's entrance. If you have paint to dispose of, open the can, fill with kitty litter, sand or sawdust and leave the lid off the can. When it has completely dried up, set the can out without the lid and the City will pick up.

Note: The Transfer Station does **NOT** accept the following items:

- Tires
- Appliances with Freon
- Insecticides
- Batteries
- Liquids of any kind
- Any flammable material
- Paint
- Air conditioners
- Pesticides
- Any material with asbestos
- Fire extinguishers

Paper Shred Day at the Recycling Center – May 3 from 10 AM – 2 PM

The City of Galveston is offering a FREE Shred Day at the City's Recycling Center on Saturday, May 2, from 10 AM to 2 PM. Residents can bring in any documents to have them shredded for security and disposal.

E-Waste Collection at Recycling Center– May 23rd & 24th

On Friday, May 23 and Saturday, May 24, the City's Recycling Center will accept televisions (CRT and flat screens), computers and components, fax and copy machines, printers, toners and ink cartridges, cell phones, telephone equipment, stereos, DVD and CD players, video games, audio and visual equipment, microwaves and more.

The Recycling Center is located at 702 61st Street in Galveston and is open from 8 AM – 4:45 PM, Monday through Saturday, closed on Sunday. For additional information about the E-Cycle and Shred Day, contact Paul Booth at (409) 797-3630 or boothpau@cityofgalveston.org.

Aluminum Can Collection – May 31

The City of Galveston is attempting to set a NEW world record for the most aluminum cans collected in an eight hour period on May 31, 2014 in conjunction with the AIA Sandcastle competition!

Cans will be collected from 11 AM – 7 PM at the far east end of Seawall Blvd (Seawall Blvd and Bodecker Rd). Guinness requires that all cans be collected by hand and by individuals.

Residents should start collecting cans as soon as possible! The cans must be stored by the individuals and turned in during the 8 hour period. A special lane of traffic flow will be marked so that individuals will be able to deliver cans and get in and out as smoothly as possible. Don't forget to check out the AIA Sand Castle competition while you're dropping cans!

Public Works Needs Your Help to Clean Sweep Galveston!

In an effort to keep Galveston free of litter, the Public Works Department would like to remind Galvestonians of 4 simple steps to "Clean Sweep Galveston!"

- 1. Bag your trash** - to avoid loose litter on the streets, the City encourages residents to bag all trash before placing it in trash cart. This prevents loose trash on the streets during pickup.
- 2. Correct cart placement** - ensure that your trash carts are clear of vehicles and easily accessible for Public Works to empty.
- 3. Keep alleys clear** – on trash pickup days, please remove all vehicles from alleys or ensure that they don't impede the progress of Public Works crews.
- 4. Remove your carts** – by 10 PM on trash days, per City Ordinance.

Let's work together to "Clean Sweep Galveston!" For additional questions or information, please contact the City of Galveston's Public Works Department at (409) 797-3630 or publicworks@cityofgalveston.org.

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