



City of Hitchcock

Newsletter March 2021

CITY OF HITCHCOCK SPRING CLEAN-UP MARCH 27TH, 2021, 7:30AM—3:30PM

**This year, the disposal site for non-hazardous clean-up will be at The City Barn.
8401 Schiro Hitchcock, Texas 77563**

Waste disposal at this event will be free of charge to residents as a service provided by the City of Hitchcock. The drop off site will be open **ONE DAY ONLY, MARCH 27th, 2021**. Disposals may be made at AmeriWaste Services temporary collection point of The City Barn – 8401 Schiro, Hitchcock, Texas 77563, between 7:30am to 3:30pm.

**For questions, please contact – AmeriWaste 281-331-8400 OR City of Hitchcock 409-986-5591
PLEASE BE SURE TO WEAR MASKS/PROTECTIVE FACE COVERINGS AND GLOVES.**

What you need to know:

- This service is **free of charge** during the designated clean-up days and times for **City of Hitchcock Residents Only**.
- Waste delivered must be separated by type of material by the resident.
- Clean Up activities do not apply to commercial/rental property clean ups, large property clean ups, lot or acreage clean up, or lot and property land clearing.
- Commercial tree trimmers are not eligible for this service.

Requirements for Participation:

- A current City of Hitchcock utility bill showing that you are a City of Hitchcock Resident.
- Proper identification is required at time of disposal; Texas Driver’s License or Identification Card.
- All materials must be sorted by the customer, NOT by the AmeriWaste Service or City of Hitchcock employees.

Accepted Items:

- Batteries (car batteries only)
- Furniture (dressers, mattresses, box springs, sofa’s, love seats, tables, and chairs)
- Stoves
- BBQ pits that DO NOT HAVE HOT ASH
- Tires (Passenger Tires Only Limit 4)

Limits:

- Maximum of 2 pick-up truck loads per household or a maximum of 1 trailer load per household.
- Trailers are not to exceed 16’ long x 4’ high in size.
- No household waste.
- No Paint, Pool Chemicals, or Chemical Items
- No Propane Tanks, Microwaves, Washers, Dryers, or Air conditioners
- NO HAZARDOUS MATERIALS; including automotive oils, cooking oils, filters, fluorescent light bulbs, insecticides, pesticides, herbicides, fertilizers.
- NO TIRES on rims or wheels, Commercial Tires, or Heavy Equipment Tires
- Mercury WILL NOT be accepted.
- Explosives and ammunition WILL NOT be accepted
- Computer monitors and box style televisions WILL NOT be accepted.

The City of Hitchcock and AmeriWaste Services are NOT responsible for damage to vehicles or injury to citizens during this event. The City of Hitchcock and AmeriWaste Services reserve the right to refuse service to anyone for not following the rules of the clean-up. Any items brought that are not listed/accepted or are over the established limits, are subject to a fee (at AmeriWaste Services discretion).



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DATES TO REMEMBER

3/15/2021 City Commission Meeting at 6:00 p.m.

3/27/2021 City Wide Bulk Trash Clean Up 7:30am—3:30pm, City Barn, 8401 Schiro

WINTER WEATHER DISASTER ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE

DISASTER ASSISTANCE

To register, call:

1-800-621-FEMA (3362)

If you use a TTY: 1-800-462-7585

711 or Video Relay Service (VRS): 1-800-621-3362

Please have the following available:

- Your address with zip code
- Directions to your property
- Condition of your damaged home
- Insurance information, if available
- Social Security number
- Phone number where you can be contacted
- Address where you can get mail

**Online registration
also available**



DisasterAssistance.gov
ACCESS TO DISASTER HELP AND RESOURCES

Direct Deposit: Disaster assistance funds can be sent directly to your bank account. Please provide your bank account type, account number and bank routing number.

Stay in touch with FEMA: When you register, you will be given a FEMA registration number. Write down your number and save it. You will need the number whenever you contact FEMA.

Disaster assistance is available without regard to race, color, religion, national origin, sex, age, disability, English proficiency or economic status.

FOLLOW THESE COMMON TIPS TO AVOID A POTENTIAL PLUMBING SCAMS



The City of Hitchcock wants you to protect yourself, your home, your business, and your finances after Winter Storm Uri by avoiding plumbing contractor scams. Follow these common tips from the Better Business Bureau to avoid a potential scammer in your area.

Read your estimate carefully. There are many variables in pricing for different plumbing companies. Check if the estimate is a flat rate including materials or if materials will be charged separately. Make sure it is clear what the estimate includes. Check for things like quality, and number of fixtures, and make sure large differences in quotes are not because something has been left out. Also, ask about equipment fees and see if there are extra costs for equipment, truck or trip costs. Inquire if the plumber will use drop sheets or service mats to protect your home during the work and if the cost of cleanup is included in the estimate.

Ask before you buy. You may want to buy fixtures or products yourself for your plumber to install. Check with the plumber first to make sure they are willing to do this, as some plumbing companies do not provide this service. If you do buy the products, look for items with the Uniform Plumbing Code stamp or approval from The National Sanitation Foundation (NSF). If the product fails, you may be responsible for removing or fixing it, not your plumber.

Check warranties. Make sure you check the warranties for both your products and your plumber's labor; they may not be for the same period. Your plumber should comply with manufacturers' specifications so warranties remain valid. However, the plumber may have to do something that voids a warranty in an emergency.

<https://www.bbb.org/article/tips/14084-bbb-tip-plumbers>

BTR CAJUN THROWDOWN CRAWFISH COOK-OFF & MUSIC FESTIVAL

For Ticket, Cook-Off, & Vendor Information visit
 BTRCAJUNTHROWDOWN.COM
 Friday April 9th 4:00pm – 12:00pm & Saturday April 10th 11:00am – 12:00pm
 Good Ole Days Grounds
 8300 Hwy 6
 Hitchcock, TX 77563

Music Line Up

	Friday April 9 th	Saturday April 10 th
Tommy Kib	4:00pm	Brandon McDermott 11:00am
David Joel	5:30pm	Art Tigerina 12:30pm
Jaime Bergon	7:00pm	Curtis Poullard 2:30pm
Wayne Toups	8:30pm	Dustin Sonnier 4:30pm
Frank Foster	10:30pm	Bernie Allen 6:30pm
		Jason Cassidy 8:30pm
		Whiskey Myers 10:30pm

VETERAN'S PARKING SIGNS



The City of Hitchcock in partnership with HonorLocalVets.org is offering signs for local businesses to dedicate parking spaces for our Veterans.

The property owner will need to complete an application and submit a description of where the sign is to be placed.

The application can be picked up at City Hall at 7423 Hwy 6, Hitchcock, TX or you can request an application by email by contacting Ruth Ann Sorrell, call (409)986-5591 or email rsorrell@cityofhitchcock.org.

***** GET INVOLVED

Hitchcock is Accepting Boards and Commissions Applications.

Serving on a City board or commission is an excellent way to serve your community.

The City is currently accepting applications for boards and commissions. If you are interested in serving on a board or commission, please complete the on-line application and return to the City or email to the City Manager at mgelles@cityofhitchcock.org by April 30, 2021.

You may attach your resume and any additional material you would like considered with your application. http://www.cityofhitchcock.org/departments/city_secretary/index.php



It is illegal to discriminate against any person because of race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status or national origin.

Anyone who feels he or she has been discriminated against may file a complaint of housing discrimination by calling 1-800-669-9777 (Toll Free) or 1-800-927-9275 (TTY)

CARING FOR FREEZE-DAMAGED TREES

The City of Hitchcock encourages residents to be mindful of how they're caring for trees and plants that may have sustained freeze-related damage. While it may be tempting to start trimming and removing damaged trees, the best tactic at this time is to continue watering trees on your property and avoid cutting branches or trunks for at least the next several weeks.

Even while cold-stressed, many trees will survive the hard freeze with proper care. It will likely take several months to know for certain whether a tree will recover, which is why it's important to not act too hastily now.

- Keep plants well-watered.
- Even though woody plants may appear to be in poor condition, do not do any pruning until late winter or early spring – this applies to all citrus and ornamentals, including palm trees.
- Proper fertilization is key to winter hardiness for many perennial landscape plants. The use of fertilizer now may stimulate new growth which is very susceptible to cold injury.
- Do not be in a hurry to prune plants like hibiscus, pentas, lantana and plumbago. They can be cleaned up a little if they look unsightly or the neighborhood association sends a letter, but don't cut these plants all the way back unless you're willing to give up a security layer for the plant. Leave some of the damaged material intact.
- Try to be patient and, where feasible, don't remove dead leaves and twigs of bananas, umbrella plants, etc. until at least mid-March.
- Plants with thick, fleshy roots like cannas, firespike, four o'clocks and gingers can be cut all the way to the ground, and they will regrow next spring. Even after severe freezes, most plants like bougainvillea and hibiscus come back from the roots, so don't give up on them.

ANNUAL CHLORINE MAINTENANCE

Gulf Coast Water Authority (GWCA) will be conducting their annual chlorine maintenance to the water supply and distribution system beginning on April 12th, 2021 and ending on April 26th, 2021. The City of Hitchcock will conduct the same chlorine maintenance to its water supply and distribution system in conjunction with GCWA.

The City of Hitchcock will continue to monitor chlorine levels and water quality through its system to ensure that all state and regulatory standards are met.

What does this mean? During this chlorine maintenance you can expect a higher level of chlorine within the water system resulting in a more noticeable odor of chlorine, a slight chlorine taste, as well as a slight discoloration or cloudiness to the water. This is normal and common to happen during chlorine maintenance of a water system.

What does chlorine maintenance do? Chlorine maintenance of a water system is done to help maintain the system infrastructure and water quality. This is done to ensure that the safest and highest quality of water is provided.

Is it safe? Yes! The quality of the water is safe for use throughout this process. Customers who use tap water for kidney dialysis at home should consult their doctor to advise them if any changes are necessary for their residual disinfectant neutralization procedures.

Question or comments can be addressed during normal business hours at City Hall 409-986-5591. The City of Hitchcock appreciates the residents' patience and understanding during this chlorine maintenance procedure.

MAY 1, 2021 ELECTION

All positions for the May 1, 2020 election were unopposed. This results in the cancellation of the City's May 2021 Election. They will officially take Office in May 2021. Join us in congratulating Chris Armacost as the new Mayor Elect of Hitchcock, Mary Combs Demby as incumbent Councilmember District 1 and new Councilmember Elect District 2.

We look forward to the continued progress of our growing community through the efforts of our City Council Members.

HOW TO CONTACT US

NAME	TITLE	E-MAIL	PHONE NUMBER
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