



City of Hitchcock

Newsletter March 2021

CITY OF HITCHCOCK SPRING CLEAN-UP MARCH 26, 2022, 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 26, 2022**. 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

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)
- Appliances
- BBQ pits that DO NOT HAVE HOT ASH
- Tires (Car Tires Only, 4 or fewer)

Limits:

- Maximum of 2 pick-up truck loads per household or a maximum of one 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 rims, 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

3/21/2022 City Council Meeting at 6:00 p.m.

3/22/2022 Planning and Zoning Commission Meeting 6:00pm.

3/26/2022 City Wide Bulk Trash Clean Up 7:30am—3:30pm, City Barn, 8401 Schiro

ANNUAL CHLORINE MAINTENANCE



The Gulf Coast Water Authority (GCWA) will temporarily change its water disinfection process April 11th -25th, 2022. This annual routine maintenance practice is necessary to maintain water systems operated by GCWA and the Galveston County communities it serves.

The temporary change from a combination of chlorine and ammonia (chloramine) to free chlorine helps to prevent taste and odor problems that can occur during the hottest months of the year. Free chlorine conversions are a common industry practice for preventative maintenance in drinking water distribution & transmission systems. Many utilities throughout the state and country that use chloramines for their primary distribution disinfectant periodically convert back to free chlorine to improve and maintain the highest water quality standards. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) endorse and support this procedure.

GCWA's Thomas Mackey Water Treatment Plant provides drinking water to a number of communities throughout Galveston County. All communities except League City, Friendswood, and Bolivar will be included in the chlorine maintenance.

As part of the disinfection process, municipalities and water districts will flush their systems by opening fire hydrants. Water users may notice some water discoloration or cloudiness. These conditions are harmless and temporary and should be remedied by fire hydrant flushing. The chlorine maintenance process has not been linked to any adverse health effects.

A properly conducted Chlorine Maintenance can often cause the water to have a different taste and/or odor than when using chloramine for disinfection. Customers will likely be able to notice the difference, but there are no health effects associated with the change in taste/odor.

SPECIAL NOTE

Owners of fish and reptiles should follow standard water treatments using products that remove both chlorine and chloramine from the water.

Dialysis centers will continue to treat the water to remove all chemical disinfectants, including chlorine and chloramine, before the water is used for dialysis. Home dialysis users should consult their machine manufacturers for instructions on how to properly treat their water before use.

Water users can contact their local municipality or water district for questions about the water system disinfection.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Why does drinking water need to be disinfected?

The disinfection of water has played a critical role in improving drinking water quality in the United States. It has been standard practice in the U.S. for more than a century. In fact, American drinking water supplies are among the safest in the world, according to the Centers of Disease Control and Prevention.

What are drinking water requirements in Texas and who regulates water quality? Public water systems are required to disinfect water prior to it entering the distribution system that carries it through pipes to customers. The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality regulates drinking water in the state.

Where does drinking water for Galveston County communities served by GCWA come from?

Water from the Brazos River Basin is treated at the Gulf Coast Water Authority's water treatment plant in Texas City. The plant has the capacity to treat more than 50 million gallons of water a day to serve approximately 190,000 consumers in Galveston County.

What kind of water testing is done routinely and what will be done during the maintenance period?

The water treatment plant staff has continuous online analyzers and routinely tests its water every 4 hours, as mandated by the federal Safe Drinking Water Act. This level of testing will continue throughout the maintenance period.

What is chloramine and why does the GCWA use it?

Chloramine is an effective disinfectant that works over a long period of time, particularly in areas with high temperatures like Texas.

ABOUT GULF COAST WATER AUTHORITY

GCWA is a special water district that provides water for industry, agriculture and municipalities in Brazoria, Fort Bend and Galveston counties. Read more at <https://www.gulfcoastwaterauthoritytx.gov>.



Authorization the Hitchcock Economic Development Corporation (HEDC) to Undertake Any Project Under Chapter 505 of the Texas Local Government Code

With changes on the horizon for the City of Hitchcock, the Hitchcock Economic Development Corporation (HEDC) has decided that a shift in its operations is necessary to better provide for its community members. The HEDC has operated as a Type A Development Corporation since its inception in 1982. As a Type A, the HEDC is required to use its sales tax revenue for specific projects which bring primary jobs to the community.

Type A projects include: manufacturing and industrial facilities, recycling facilities, distribution centers, small warehouse facilities, research and development facilities, regional or national corporate headquarters facilities, primary job training facilities operated by higher education institutions, job training classes, telephone call centers and career centers, certain infrastructure improvements, aviation and port facilities, as well as a few others.

While these types of projects have been the main focus of the HEDC since its founding, the HEDC has also noticed that much of the city's commercial and small business market has lapsed due to a number of factors over time. In an effort to remediate this issue, as well as bring about community enhancement projects that would benefit the city, its citizens, and the HEDC's business recruitment efforts, **the Hitchcock HEDC is seeking authority to allow the HEDC to perform any project under Chapter 505 of the Texas Local Government Code in an election to be held in May.**

If Proposition A is adopted, it will grant the HEDC the ability to perform a wider range of projects which are aimed at quality-of-life improvements and commercial development usually granted to Type B Development Corporations.

Type B Development Corporations have the same authority of a Type A, as well as the ability to spend funds on projects related to: professional and amateur sports and athletic facilities, tourism and entertainment facilities, convention facilities and public parks, public safety facilities, general municipally owned improvements, commercial development, and other similar items.

SIDEWALK PROJECT

Construction has begun on the city's new sidewalk project along Martin Luther King Ave. Sidewalks will stretch from 2nd to 5th Street along MLK Ave and down 3rd street to connect to Highway 6 and future sidewalk projects in that area.

Funding for this project is provided by the Texas Community Development Block Grant through the Texas Department of Agriculture and a 15% match by the Hitchcock EDC.



HOMEBOUND VACCINE PROGRAM

The Galveston County Health District is happy to offer COVID-19 vaccines through our homebound program. Anyone who is homebound and would like to receive a vaccine may call us at 409.938.2389 or email chs@gchd.org to schedule an appointment. Our team of nurses and support staff will come to your home to administer the vaccine.



NEW STREET SIGNS

As a part of the City of Hitchcock's rebranding campaign, the city has purchased street signs to be replaced city wide. The new street sign will fashion the new City of Hitchcock logo with a white background and black trim.

Citizens may have already started to see the new sign being placed on all major thoroughfares throughout the city as a part of this new campaign. Aside from the new street signs, you will also see the new logo on some of the Public Works' vehicles as well. When you see us on the road, give us a thumbs up for the new design as we continue to make Hitchcock beautiful.

REPORT STREET LIGHT OUTAGES

CenterPoint Energy maintains street lights throughout their electric service area in and around Hitchcock. If you need to report a street light outage please call 713-207-2222 or 800-332-7143

When reporting, you will be asked to provide:

- A pole number for the non-functioning lights you want to report.
- Contact information (in case more information is needed to locate a street light).
- An e-mail address (if you want feedback regarding your repair request).
- The number of street lights you would like to report.

www.centerpointenergy.com



SPRING E-CYCLE EVENT

Saturday, April 30th, 2022, 9am-1pm

The City Barn 8401 Schiro Road Hitchcock, Texas 77563

Hitchcock Residents ONLY are invited to drop off selected items free of cost.

Acceptable Materials: computers, routers, hubs, switches, laptops, power cords, cables, UPS, cellular phones, VCR's, scrap metal wire, monitors, printers, scanners, fax machines, servers, DVD players, cable boxes, ink jet cartridges, TV's (CRT TV's up to 36") mice and keyboards, telephones. Toner cartridges, desktop copiers, flat panel TV's up to 55".

Unacceptable Materials: vacuum cleaners, CRT TV's larger than 36", weed eaters, radios, thermostats (any type), smoke and carbon monoxide detectors, fluorescent light bulbs, appliances, refrigerators, stoves, washer and dryers. Clocks, paint cans, kitchen appliances, freezers, microwaves, medical/biohazards, household alkaline batteries, AA, AAA, C, D, 9V, home appliances, space heaters, rice cookers, air conditioners and oil waste.

Disclaimer: The City of Hitchcock and CompuCycle are NOT responsible for damage to vehicles or injury to any citizen during this event. Both, the City of Hitchcock and CompuCycle reserve the right to refuse services to anyone not following protocol for this event.

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