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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4	5	6	7	8 Adult Colorist Society (Library)	9	10 63 RD ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARADE & FESTIVAL
11	12	13	14	15 Escape Room: Teen Club (Library)	16 Senior Legacy Ball (Senior Life Center)	17 Juggling Class (Library)
18	19 City Council Work Session 6:00pm City Council Special Meeting 7:00pm	20 Low Cost Vet Services ----- LANCASTER CHRISTMAS BREAK CAMP ----- ----- LISD WINTER BREAK -----	21	22	23 City Offices Closed	24
25	26 City Offices Closed	27 ----- LANCASTER CHRISTMAS BREAK CAMP ----- ----- LISD WINTER BREAK -----	28		30	31 Noon Year's Eve Party (Library)



MERRY CHRISTMAS

Christmas fun facts:

- Christmas lights were invented in 1882 by Edward Johnson.
- The letter "X" in Xmas is a Greek abbreviation for Christ.
- Jingle Bells was originally written by James Pierpont in 1857, for Thanksgiving not Christmas. It was originally called One Horse Open Sleigh.
- The best-selling Christmas song ever is White Christmas by Bing Crosby.
- The highest-grossing Christmas movie of all time is How the Grinch Stole Christmas starring Jim Carrey.

DR. MARTIN
LUTHER
KING, JR.
Parade



Lancaster Martin Luther King Foundation Presents:

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Parade
Saturday, January 14, 2017

Contact:

Roosevelt Nichols 469-358-8722

Quinnie Wright-Nichols 972-748-6798

\$25 Entry Fee

Complete application at
www.lancastermlk.org

Line up begins at 9:00 a.m.

Parade begins at 11:00 a.m.

SAVE THE DATE!

DECEMBER

- 🌲 Dec 10 - Christmas Parade 4:30 p.m.
- 🌲 Dec 10 - Christmas Festival 6 p.m.,
Community Park
- 🌲 Dec. 23-Dec. 26 - City Offices Closed

JANUARY

- 🌲 Jan 1- New Year's Day
- 🌲 Jan 12- Mayors State of The City
Address, 11: 30 a.m.
- 🌲 Jan 14- Lancaster Martin Luther King
Foundation MLK Parade, 11 a.m.
- 🌲 Jan 16- MLK Day, City Offices Closed
- 🌲 Jan 21 - Winter "Trash-Off"

Congratulations



Civic Leadership Academy, Class of 2016!

December Bulk/Brush Schedule

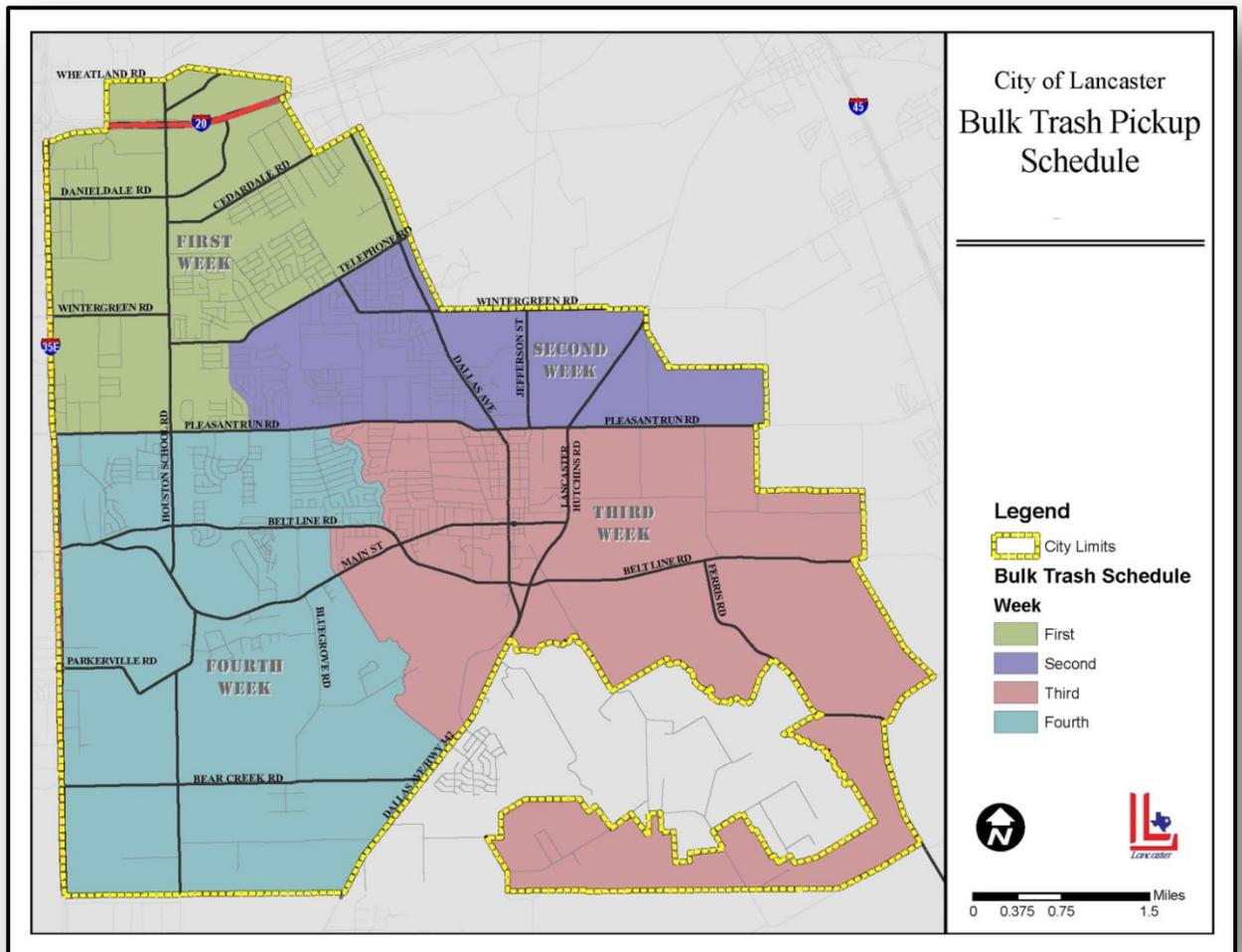
First Week
Dec 5th -9th

Second Week
Dec 12th -16th

Third Week
Dec 19th - 23rd

Fourth Week
Dec 26th - 30th

Set bulk out by 7:00am on Monday of your pickup week.



Christmas Tree Recycling



Community Waste Disposal (CWD) will pick up Christmas trees on your trash day during the weeks of **January 9th and 16th**. The following guidelines must be followed in order for the tree to be collected:

- Place the tree at the front of the house by the edge of the street by 7:00am on the pick-up day
- Remove all lights and decorations
- In case of snow, place the tree on top of the snow to increase its visibility.
- All artificial Christmas trees should be disposed as part of bulk during your bulk collection week.

Failure to remove decorations or placing the tree in a plastic bag will result in the tree not being collected that first week and, consequently, the resident will have to wait until the following week. Trees placed out on days other than your trash day will be considered a code violation. Trees placed out after the week of January 16th will not be collected. For any questions, please call City Hall at 972-218-1300.

Illegal Dumping

What is Illegal Dumping?

Illegal Dumping occurs when a person places, deposits, dumps or accumulates refuse on or in any public or private street, public right-of-way or easement, gutter or sidewalk within the Lancaster City limits.

Why is Illegal Dumping a problem?

- Property values decline.
- Illegally dumped material can become a breeding ground for vectors, such as mice, rats and mosquitoes, which can spread diseases such as encephalitis, Hantavirus pulmonary syndrome and West Nile Disease.
- Illegal dumping is hazardous to the environment. From refrigerators to tires to auto parts to televisions, many contain heavy metals and other toxins.
- Illegal dumping costs taxpayers money.

Legal Alternatives to dispose of your unwanted items:

- Drop off your waste free of charge at the CWD transfer station located at **2010 California Crossing Dallas, TX 75220**. A copy of your water bill is required.
- Order a special pick up at 972-218-1300. This allows residents to schedule a pickup of bulky waste at a decent fee.
- You may drop off your waste at the Trash-off event on January 21st.
- Move the unwanted items away from public view until the next Bulk/brush collection.



Fine for Illegal Dumping

Up to \$4000.00

How can You Help?

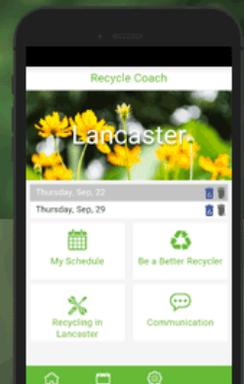
- Report it! Call 972-218-1200 and provide information that leads to a citation of the illegal dumper.

Download the **NEW FREE** app from your Apple store or Google Play and get a personalized trash collection schedule. This app allows you to set reminders for your trash recycling, and bulk/brush collection from an hour, 12 hours, 24 hours, 48 hours or even a week prior to collection at no cost to you. Search "Recycle Coach" and select **LANCASTER, Texas** for your location. For additional information, call 972-218-1324.

Never miss
another
collection day!



Download the FREE
Recycle Coach™ app



Lancaster Low Cost Clinic

Lancaster Animal Services
690 E. Main Street Lancaster, TX 75146
Third Tuesday of every month



Low Cost Spay & Neuter Transport

Spay (Female)		*By Appointment Only Call 940-566-5551 to schedule	Neuter (Male)		
Cat	\$45		Cat	\$35	
Dog under 30lbs	\$55	Dog under 30lbs.	\$55		
Additional Fees					
Pain medication	\$15	In heat	\$10	Antibiotics	\$15
Ecollar	\$10	Pregnant*	\$20-\$40	Male Crypt Orchid	\$20-\$40
(Ecollar included in price for male dogs.)		*Spay terminates pregnancy			

- 🐾 Pets must be at least 10 weeks and 2 lbs. for surgery. Age limit is 5 years. Weight limit for dogs is 30 lbs.
- 🐾 All pets must be in separate, hard-sided carriers.
- 🐾 All pets must have written proof of a current rabies vaccine or receive the vaccine at the time of surgery for \$5.
- 🐾 Please do not feed dogs and cats after 10pm the night before surgery.

Low Cost Vaccinations

Walk-in vaccine hours: Third Tuesday of every month, 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Cat Vaccinations		Dog Vaccinations		Other Services	
Rabies	\$5	Rabies	\$5	Heartworm Test	\$20
FeLV	\$10	DHPP	\$10	Heartworm Prevention	\$25-\$35
FVRCP	\$10	Bordetella	\$10	Flea Preventative	\$12
FeLV/FIV Test	\$20	Lepto	\$10	Dewormer	\$5-\$15
		Lymes	\$15	Home Again Microchip	\$20-\$30
		Canine Influenza	\$20	Nail Trim	\$10
				Trifexis 3-in-1 (6mo)	\$100

- 🐾 We accept cash or credit as payment.
- 🐾 TCAP is a low cost service program that provides care for animals belonging to individuals or groups with insufficient resources to purchase the same care from a full service provider. TCAP works to make high quality, preventative care achievable for those who would otherwise be unable to afford it.

Winter Averaging and Utility Rates

Winter averaging is a practice by which water use during the winter time period is used to determine maximum sewer charges for the upcoming year. The utility bases winter average on the average water consumption during December, January, and February. The winter averaging rate is effective April 1st of each year.

Why does the city use winter use for averaging?

Your sewer bill is based upon your water consumption. Outdoor water use (such as irrigation, car washing and recreational use) does not typically enter the city's wastewater system and using winter averaging consumption therefore, prevents the wastewater portion of your utility from spiking during the summer.

How is winter averaging calculated?

Consumption information is calculated during the three winter billing periods to arrive at the winter average. For example, if your water use for December =5000 gallons, January =3000 gallons, and February =5500 your total winter consumption would be 13,500 gallons. This consumption is divided by 3 to determine your winter average would be 4500 gallons (13,500 gallons / 3 months = 4500 gallons). Your winter average consumption would be 4500 gallons. The figure of 4500 gallons would be your maximum sewer consumptions for the next year.

What if I use less water than my winter average?

If an account uses less water than the winter averaging consumption, the sewer charges would reflect charges for the actual water use. For example if your winter averaging rate was 4500 gallons and your current water consumption was 3900 gallons your sewer charges would reflect 3900 gallons of sewer use.

What can I do to reduce my sewer charges?

Reducing overall water use during the winter averaging period is essential in cutting your sewer charges for the coming year. This reduction can be accomplished by fixing all leaks as soon as possible (toilets, faucets, service lines, irrigation systems).

- Turn off irrigation systems.
- Consider replacing old toilets with new, water-efficient models.
- Replace old shower heads and faucet aerators with new, efficient models.
- Use only the water that is needed when washing hands, dishes or brushing teeth.

Please note: If you have a water leak during this time period which caused your water consumption to be higher than usual, it is extremely important to notify the billing office at (972) 218-1328.



Senior Citizen Discount

Senior Citizens over the age of 62 qualify for a discount on their water bills.

How much is the discount?

- _ \$1.94 water
- _ \$1.76 sewer

How do I sign-up?

- _ Complete the form located at the utility billing desk at City Hall (211 N. Henry)

What should I bring with me?

- _ Bring your Driver's License for proof of identity. The water bill must be in the senior citizens name.

Lancaster Citizens' Public Safety Academy

Classes begin March 2, 2017

This academy is FREE to all participants!

Among the course subjects: organization and operations of both departments, emergency medical services, S.W.A.T., emergency communications, medical helicopter services, home safety prevention and much more! Don't miss out on this incredible opportunity. Submit your application today!

Applicants for this academy will undergo personal background checks as part of the application process.

Application and class schedule available at:

<http://www.lancaster-tx.com/DocumentCenter/View/5554>

For more information contact
Officer Paul Beck
972-218-2755



Signup today for Lancaster **EMERGENCY ALERTS**



- ✓ Visit-- <https://public.coderedweb.com/cne/en-US/8A6624CF2BC2>
- ✓ **Click the CodeRED logo to get started**
- ✓ Enter your cell phone number and address
- ✓ Enroll any additional contact information including emails

Save these numbers in your phone!

Emergency Communication 866-419-5000

Weather Communication 800-566-9780

Important Numbers

Animal Services	972-218-1210
Building Inspections/Code Compliance	972-218-1200
City Career Opportunities	972-218-1794
City Hall	972-218-1300
Country View Golf Course	972-227-0995
County Health Dept (Immunizations)	214-819-1800
County Tax Office	214-653-7811
Development Services	972-218-1200
Driver's License Office	469-272-9301
Economic Development	972-218-1314
Facility Rentals	972-218-3706
Fire (Non-Emergency)	972-218-2600
Lancaster Regional Airport	972-227-5721
Library	972-227-1080
LISD Administration	972-218-1400
Municipal Court	972-218-1334
Parks Division	972-218-3709
Planning & Zoning	972-218-1317
Police (Non-Emergency)	972-218-2700
Public Works	972-275-1752
Recreation Center	972-218-3700
Senior Life Center	972-218-3780
Texas State Auxiliary Museum	972-218-3790
Volunteer Opportunities	972-218-3706
Water/Sewer Repair	972-218-2324
Water/Utility Billing	972-218-1328

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