



MARCH 2016 CITY NEWSLETTER

Recycling: A New Way of Thinking in Our Town



Goal: Recycle More and Throw-away Less

Single Stream Recycling = place all of your Recycling into one cart!

WHAT CAN BE RECYCLED?

- **Paper:** printed material
- **Cans:** tin & aluminum
- **Plastic**
- **Glass**



What NOT to Recycle:

- Garden Hoses
- Plastic foam (cups, egg cartons, take-out containers)
- Plastic bags, films and packaging
- Fabric, clothing and textiles
- Wire clothes hangers
- Food contaminated boxes
- Syringes
- Helium tanks
- Large metal items (such as frying pans and metal pipes)



Also, **do not** place Yard trimmings and leaves in the Recycle — set it out for brush/bulk pick up.

Solid Waste Collection Guidelines

- Place your trash cart, recycling cart and yard trimmings at the curb by 7 a.m. on your collection day.
- Place trash, recyclables and yard trimmings 3 feet apart to allow our automated trucks to collect materials safely and efficiently.
- Always place the handle of the cart toward your house.
- Small branches should be tied with string or twine into manageable bundles no heavier than 50 pounds.
- Brush and tree limbs too large to be bundled should be piled at your curb 3 ft apart from containers.
- Yard trimmings placed at the curb in plastic bags will be collected as trash.
- Collection can occur anytime between the hours of 7am to 7pm. But please note, that streets can be serviced all on one side, and not serviced on the opposite side until a later time in the day.
- Did we miss your cart? Call us or send us an e-mail. We will come by to pick up the missed material as soon as possible (sometimes, the next day).
- Help prevent litter by bagging your trash and allowing room for the cart lid to close.
- Do not put carts in the path of the mail truck or on top of a water meter.
- Avoid placing your cart or brush piles under power lines or low hanging tree branches.

DID YOU KNOW...

RUSH DELIVERY OF YOUR UTILITY BILL



- YOU CAN RECEIVE YOUR UTILITY BILL BY EMAIL
- YOU CAN RECEIVE AND PAY YOUR UTILITY BILL ONLINE, BY SETTING UP YOUR "ON LINE ACCOUNT".



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City Telephone Numbers:

City Hall	(512) 332-8800
Utilities	(512) 332-8830
BP&L	(512) 332-8900
Water Dept.	(512) 332-8960
Public Works	(512) 332-8920
Planning Dept	(512)332-8840
Police Dept.	(512) 332-8600
Fire Dept	(512) 332-8670
Municipal Court	(512) 332-8650
Library	(512) 332-8880
Convention Ctr.	(512) 332-8984
Main Street	(512) 332-8994
Human Resources	(512) 332-8812

Power Outages (512) 332-8830

We are on the Web:
www.cityofbastrop.org

CITY MANAGER'S CORNER

Greetings!

I hope you find our news-letter useful and informative. Please keep in mind, that we are still in a drought situation so please use and conserve water responsibly. Spring is in the air and with that comes lots of outdoor activities. Please take caution with outdoor insects and heat. Be mindful with spring planting and consider drought tolerant plants for your landscaping.

See our City's website for helpful electricity and water saving tips.

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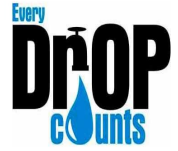
As always, I welcome your input.

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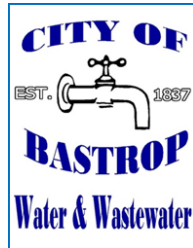
WATER: Service, Responsibilities & Conservation

- The Customer Service Department is contacting customers whose meter is reported as having continuous high usage for more than 48 hours. This is part of our new meter technology.
- The customer shall provide, furnish and install all pipe, fittings, cut-off valve and other apparatus on the customer's premises necessary for water delivery.
- It is the customer's responsibility to repair leaks on their property side of the meter.
- Do you have a customer Shut-off Valve?
As a property owner within the City you are required to have your own Shut-Off Valve. Your Shut-Off Valve allows you to make repairs and improvements at your convenience. Customers should not use the City's meter shut-off to turn their water services off or on. Contact a licensed plumber for installation.



WATER CONSERVATION TIPS

- 1) Fix faucet leaks, which can waste up to 3,000 gallons of water a year.
- 2) Check your toilet for leaks around the flapper in tank. Leaking toilets can waste up to 200 gallons of water a day!
- 3) Check your irrigation system for broken sprinkler heads. If a sprinkler riser is left unrepaired, it can waste about 7800 Gallons in just a month of typical watering.
- 4) When watering by hose, set a timer as a reminder to turn off water faucet. A running water hose can disburse as much as 600 gallons per hour of water.



Parks & Recreation - Forestry Tips

TREE PLANTING & MULCHING TIPS

- Select proper tree for the planting site.
- Planting hole should be shallow and wide - double the width of root ball. Backfill hole with the excavated dirt.
- Top of root ball should be 1" - 2" above grade when finished backfilling.
- Mulch and water tree when finished. Do not stake tree unless needed.
- Mulch needs to be 2" - 4" thick and kept 6" away from the base of the trunk.

DID YOU KNOW....

This tropical insect now is in the Central TX area: "Kissing Bug"



For more information:
kissingbug.tamu.edu

Public Meeting

Form Base Code "North Area" north of the Rail Road (RR) Tracks

Who: Bastrop Citizens

What: Conversation/Discussion regarding the North Area Form Based Code

"North Area" defined as the area between The Colorado River and the City Limits to the West, City Limits to the North, SH 95 to the East, Hawthorne Street /RR Tracks to the South.

When: Thursday, March 24, 2016 @ 6PM

Where: City Council Chambers, 1311 Chestnut Street, Bastrop TX

Why: Share ideas and Vision for the North Area Planning efforts!