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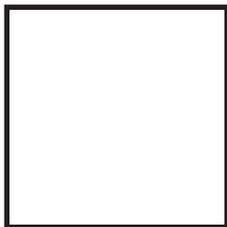
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CAN I RECYCLE IT?



WEDNESDAYS

Household Garbage, and Heavy Garbage. Please have trash out at the curb by 7:00am.



SATURDAYS

Household Garbage, Heavy Garbage, and Recycling. Please have trash out at the curb by 7:00am.

Your guide to when and what to put in your trash and recycling bins

DO NOT RECYCLE: X

Tree branches, grass & leaves
Clothes & wire hangers
Mirrors
Windows

Light bulbs
Batteries (take to Batteries Plus)
Paint, solvent materials & containers

OK TO RECYCLE:

PAPER: DRY & CLEAN

Newspaper & inserts
Magazines, phone books & catalogs
Junk mail, envelopes, file folders
Office white & colored paper
Corrugated cardboard boxes
Cereal & gift boxes, etc (that tear, brown or grey)
Paper bags & wrapping paper
Milk/juice cartons
Wax coated boxes

CONTAINERS: EMPTY & CLEAN

Glass - clear and colored
Aluminum cans and foil
Plastic bottles, jars and tubs (such as soda, water, milk, juice, liquor, shampoo, detergent, condiments, yogurt, pet food, etc)
Plastic grocery bags
Styrofoam containers / packaging
Metal food cans (tin & steel) and lids
Metal pots and pans

What if I have more recycling than will fit in my recycling container?

If you have more recyclable material than what fits in the provided Red bin, you are welcome to use a container of your choice (i.e. Rubbermaid tote, trash can with lid and wheels) as long as the container is clearly labeled "RECYCLE"

Why were there items left in my recycling bin?

If items are left in your bin, it means they are not recyclable. Please refer to the list above for items that are accepted for recycling.

What should I do if my Best Trash recycling cart was lost or stolen?

To purchase a replacement container, please call 281-313-2378. There is a replacement cost of \$65.00 if your black 48-gallon recycle cart is lost or stolen.

For further information go to www.best-trash.com/guidelines-faqs/recycling/

NOT ACCEPTED HEAVY GARBAGE PICK-UP



Dirt
Construction debris
Waste generated by a private contractor (remodeling, landscaping)
Rocks
Motor oil
Cooking oil

Gasoline
Bricks
Tile
Concrete
Liquid Paint
Fertilizer
Chemicals
Tires



WATCH FOR LEAKS

Stopping leaks in our water system

We have hundreds of miles of water lines. Water leaks can occur at any point. Your help is vital as we work around the clock to find and repair leaks on our system.

Have you ever noticed standing or flowing water in an area of your neighborhood that doesn't belong there? What about a busted water line or sprinkler gushing into the street? If the water you see pouring into the street from public water lines that water was paid for by you and other taxpayers. In 2017, Districts on average lost over \$56,000 of treated water. Reporting leaks and water issues can help keep money in residents' pockets.

The following issues can result in either wasted funds or health and safety hazards and should be reported promptly to your District operator including:

- Water coming out of the sidewalks
- Water out of meters near the street
- Water coming out of the road

Water should not pour out of the ground around here, it means a leak. Our water table is 200 feet below the top of the ground and there are no "natural springs" in our area. If you see water coming out of the ground it is not spring water and it is not free! We all pay for it.

Why so many leaks in this area?

Primarily due to the ground in this area, known as gumbo soil, which means a lot of clay shifts during drying periods. This breaks pipes and lets the water out.

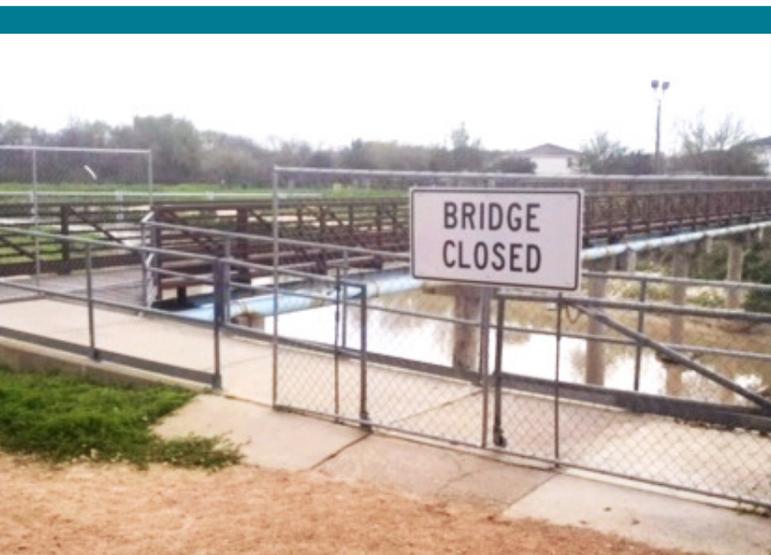
Other things you should report

- Leaking or standing water or sewage
- Discolored water
- Low pressure or vacuum in water lines
- Sunken or elevated manhole covers
- Flooded storm drains
- Strong odors from sewer or water
- Sewage backup

Need to report a leak?

Call Customer Care at MMIA 281-651-1618 to report potential water system issues, including suspected leaks from water mains, service lines, valves, meters and public fire hydrants.

PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE CLOSED



After the flooding that occurred during the Hurricane Harvey flood event, an evaluation of Northwest Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 16's (the District) pedestrian bridge over Langham Creek was conducted. This determined that the pedestrian bridge is unstable due to the large amounts of erosion of both the bottom and side slopes of Langham Creek that occurred during Hurricane Harvey.

Do not attempt to cross the bridge, regardless of if it is barricaded or not, until further notice.

Based on the evaluation and in the interest of protecting public safety, the District has closed and fenced off the pedestrian bridge until it can be stabilized and the erosion can be addressed. Currently, Harris County Flood Control District (HCFCD) is preparing construction plans to address the erosion as well as desilt Langham Creek; these improvements should help stabilize the bridge. The most recent construction schedule provided by HCFCD shows the work on Langham Creek beginning in August of 2018.

Until further notice, please do not use the pedestrian bridge over Langham Creek.

TWO SEWERS

STORM & SEWAGE

We have two types of sewers serving our community. One is the storm-sewer, it takes care of mostly rainwater and makes sure that the streets are free of flooding. The second is the sanitary-sewer which handles wastewater from the house, such as the toilet, sinks, showers, dishwashers, washing machines and such.

Storm sewer:

This type of sewer is vital during heavy rains, as yard runoff, roof drains and streets run into it and prevent flooding. Most front yards slope to drain water off and into streets and are set lower to provide a conduit for the water which then drains to a canal, pond or often Galveston Bay.

You may have seen leaf blowers being used to push yard clippings into drains, this can create a terrible problem during a heavy rainstorm. Storm sewers can become clogged and blocked by this debris and cause neighborhood flooding. According to cleanwaterways.org, "even though yard trimmings and soil are natural debris, when put in the storm drain they flow to our bayous, rivers and Galveston Bay where they can ruin the natural balance of the ocean and harm fish." Because these sewers drain into drainage canals or the Galveston Bay with NO treatment it's important that there are no chemicals that can kill animals and plants.



Sanitary sewers:

This is the sewer water from your house that goes to a treatment plant that turns human waste and household sewage into water suitable to be placed in a drainage canal that often makes its way to Galveston Bay. Good old Galveston Bay. The water from the treatment plant is sometimes used for irrigation but it is not reused for drinking. There are many things that should not be "flushed" or put down the drains.

DO NOT FLUSH THESE ITEMS DOWN EITHER SEWER:

- Pet waste, animal parts, goldfish, and cat litter, "flushable" cat litter
- Disposable diapers, sanitary napkins, tampons (including tampon applicators), condoms, other bulky "disposable" products
- Disposable, or 'flushable' wipes' (they are not flushable!), baby wipes
- Q-tips, cotton balls, dental floss, band-aids, hair
- Chewing gum, cigarette and cigar butts
- Corrosive substances, either acidic or caustic
- Flammable or explosive liquids, solids, or gases. Antifreeze or coolant, brake fluid, transmission fluid and automotive chemicals
- Paint, stains, wood preservatives, solvents, sealants and thinners
- Poisons, hazardous waste, fertilizer, pesticides, insecticides
- Big chunks of garbage, sand, metals, wood, straw or grass, wastepaper, plastics, toys, and glass

Many of these items will clog up your house sewer first.

It is each homeowner's responsibility to ensure that only clean, uncontaminated water flows from his/her yard into storm drains. This means keeping not only debris from these drains, but also harmful chemicals and waste. It is not simply civic responsibility, it is the law.



Household waste (sinks, toilets, etc.) water enters the sanitary sewer system

Street Surface Runoff and rain enters the underground storm drain system