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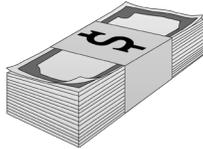
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Recycling in Frisco: Another GREEN Year!

\$858,312

Landfill disposal cost savings to the city by recycling in 2016



This year, Frisco residents diverted an amazing **30%** of their total household waste from the landfill.



17,654 tons of recycling collected curbside



2,764 tons of yard waste composted



18 tons of cardboard pick-ups from new residents

Gary Burns Fun Run: A Zero Waste Event

The Gary Burns Fun Run, a beloved Frisco tradition, is also a Zero Waste Event. This year, volunteers kept **93%** of the total waste from going to the landfill. This means we composted and recycled **590 lbs** of waste!

"Thank you" to all of our volunteers!



8,140 pounds of batteries



490 pounds of plastic bags

International Walk-to-School Day

27 schools held Walk-to-School events on October 5, 2016. Frisco ISD had the most registered events in the entire state of Texas... for the 4th year in a row!



Special Recycling in Frisco Schools

"Clean It and Green It" is Frisco's Annual Earth Day Celebration!

2,225 total volunteers picked up litter and helped beautify Frisco during last year's event.

This year's event takes place on Earth Day... Saturday, April 22, 2017. Pre-registered volunteers will receive litter clean-up supplies, t-shirts & a FREE lunch provided by IKEA (while supplies last).

Visit our website at www.FriscoTexas.gov/CleanItandGreenIt to learn more!



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CHUNK YOUR JUNK

8 a.m. - 12 p.m.

February 11, 2017

At 6616 Walnut Street



Map and more information available at www.FriscoTexas.gov/ChunkYourJunk

Event is for Frisco residents only.

Driver's license and Frisco water bill with matching address are REQUIRED to drop off all items.

Event entry will be from southbound 1st Street only.

All other entrances will be CLOSED. Please consult map online at www.FriscoTexas.gov/ChunkYourJunk.

Because of time constraints, residents must be in line by 11:30am to receive service.

Large crowds are expected, so please come early.

Residents may bring the following items for safe disposal, recycling or donation. To reduce idling time, items are listed in the order which they can be unloaded at the event.

Special Collection! Book Donations for the Frisco Public Library!

Please bring books, magazines, DVDs/Blu-Rays, CDs, board games, video games and puzzles for the library. Tax season is ahead of us! A library staff member can provide a tax receipt at the time of donation.

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| 1. Prescription medications * | 5. All items for trash | 9. HHW / Electronics *** |
| 2. Plastic bags & bagged Styrofoam | 6. Yard waste / untreated wood | 10. Donations for Medina Children's Home |
| 3. Bundled cardboard | 7. Metal / appliances *** | 11. Book Donations! |
| 4. Paper shredding ** | 8. Refrigerators *** | |

* Please remove all pills from bottles ahead of time, and place them in a single bag. Bottles are recyclable. Please do not bring needles or syringes. No liquid prescriptions except for cough medicine containing Codeine. A Frisco police officer will be on site to supervise disposal.

** A free paper shredding service will be provided. There is a four box limit per vehicle (max box size 12"W x15.5"L x10.5"H). No commercial accounts accepted. Note: This same service is provided on the 2nd Saturday of every month for a small charge, with no waiting in line.

*** Driver's license AND City of Frisco water bill with matching address are required to dispose of HHW, electronics and refrigerators/Freon. Disposal charges are billed to Frisco utility account for appliances with Freon (\$40). Limit two (2) TVs and no more than 50 total gallons of paint & HHW.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE (HHW) includes household chemicals, paint, gasoline/oil, batteries, lightbulbs, etc. **IN CASE OF INCLEMENT WEATHER** Chunk Your Junk will move to Saturday, February 18 at 6616 Walnut Street. **THE NEXT CHUNK YOUR JUNK** will be on Saturday, April 22 at IKEA (7171 IKEA Dr).

Don't wait in Chunk Your Junk lines! You can dispose of the above items in **PINK** every week at 6616 Walnut St (Wed 2-5pm and Sat 8am-1pm)!

The Environmental Collection Center: A Year in Review

2,844

Participants in 2016
Chunk Your Junk events

92

Tons of hazardous
materials collected
and neutralized

12

Tons of cooking
and motor oil
recycled

127

Tons of electronics
recycled

7,702

Environmental Collection
Center visitors in 2016

This is 135% more
visitors than in 2015!

61

Tons of paint
disposed of
safely

185

Tons of metal
recycled

9

Tons of batteries
recycled

7

Tons of products saved
from the landfill using
The Reuse Center

ANNUAL WATERWISE RAIN BARREL SALE

From March 1 - April 7

An effective way to reduce water use in your landscape is to collect rainwater using rain barrels, and "reuse it" to water your landscape.

Take advantage of this annual opportunity! Order your 50 gallon barrel for a special price of \$67, or buy two barrels for \$130 and save.

Visit www.friscotexas.gov/water to learn more and place your order today!

UPCOMING WATERWISE WORKSHOPS

Email waterwise@friscotexas.gov to register!

Lawn Care Maintenance

Saturday, February 18

9:00-11:00 a.m.

Frisco Senior Center - 6670 Moore St

Water Efficient Landscape

Friday, February 24

Noon-1:00 p.m.

Public Works - 11300 Research Rd

Fix-A-Leak

Thursday, March 23 (two sessions)

2:00-4:00 p.m. or 4:30-6:30 p.m.

Frisco Senior Center - 6670 Moore St

Irrigation Station

Friday, March 24

10:00 a.m.-Noon

Public Works - 11300 Research Rd

Water Efficient Landscape

Saturday, April 15

9:00-11:00 a.m.

Frisco Senior Center - 6670 Moore St

DO YOU HAVE PRESCRIPTION MEDICATIONS?

Safe disposal of prescription medications can be a challenge. A police officer will be available to accept these at all Chunk Your Junk events. For safety reasons, we do NOT accept medications at the Environmental Collection Center.

SERVICE DAY TIPS

It's easy to follow our simple set-out guidelines on your service day. Remember: Carts set out properly can be serviced quickly and efficiently!

DO: Place carts **at least 3 feet from ALL objects** (this includes vehicles, fences, gas meters and even other carts).

DO: Make sure your **lawn crew** does not block your carts on your trash day.

DO: Place carts at the **edge of your driveway**, and not up by your house.

DO: Face both carts **toward the street or alleyway**.

DO: **Bag all recycling and trash** to help prevent litter.

DO: Place **yard waste in brown lawn bags and bundle limbs**.

DO: Dispose of **paint, chemicals, electronics & aerosol cans** at Environmental Services, Wednesday 2-5 p.m. and Saturday 8 a.m.-1 p.m.

REDUCE HARMFUL CONTAMINATION!

Some waste items can be hazardous, and may pose a danger to drivers and equipment.

DON'T put holiday light strings in carts... they can damage the sorting equipment at the MRF (Material Recovery Facility).

DON'T put leftover chemicals in carts... chemicals, aerosol cans and paint can react and leak in the truck when under pressure.

Bring household hazardous waste to 6616 Walnut Street during our special collection hours (Wed 2-5 p.m. & Sat 8 a.m.-1 p.m.). Just show us your driver's license and a current copy of your Frisco water bill and we will collect these items safely at no charge!

REDUCE PLASTIC WASTE... CHOOSE TO REUSE!

Many people make New Year's resolutions to live "cleaner and greener." Not sure where to start? Let us help you out!

Choosing **reusable bags** at the grocery store and choosing **reusable food containers** at lunch are two of the easiest ways to reduce the amount of plastic waste you produce.

Visit Environmental Services at 6616 Walnut Street Mon-Fri 8 a.m.-4 p.m. to pick up **FREE reusable bags and FREE reusable lunch containers, while supplies last**. Limit 10 reusable bags and 4 reusable lunch kits per family.

If you send us a photo of you using your reusable bags and/or reusable lunch containers, you may be entered to win another special prize! Please send your photos to us at EnvironmentalServices@FriscoTexas.gov.

PAPER OR PLASTIC?

Don't forget... yard waste like grass and leaves must be placed in **brown paper lawn waste bags**. This waste must also be free of dirt, rocks and mulch. Placing yard waste in plastic bags or failure to follow set-out guidelines will prevent pickup.

Please note, there is a 10 bag and/or bundle limit each week per home for yard waste.



TOO MUCH TO REMEMBER?

Pick up a FREE educational magnet for your fridge at 6616 Walnut Street!

What do I do with?

BASIC RECYCLING (put in the blue cart)

- Paper
- Glass
- Cardboard
- Plastic #1-7
- Tin/steel cans
- Plastic Bags
- Aluminum cans
- Cartons

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE Please bring to 6616 Walnut St during special collection hours (do not put in either cart)

- Aerosol cans
- Lightbulbs, all types
- Antifreeze*
- Gasoline*
- Batteries
- Household cleaners*
- Cooking oil
- Mercury
- Motor oil
- Pool chemicals*
- Flammable liquids*
- Paints, thinners, solvents & stains*
- Pesticides, herbicides, fertilizers & other lawn products*

*10 gallon limit per product, per visit.

No business/commercial waste will be accepted.

ELECTRONICS RECYCLING (do not put in either cart)

- Computers & accessories
- Ink cartridges & printers
- TVs - limit of two (2) per visit
- Other electronics

Bring **HHW** and **Electronics** to 6616 Walnut Street on Wednesdays **2 - 5pm** and Saturdays **8am - 1pm**.

LARGE ITEM DISPOSAL

"I have **LARGE TRASH ITEMS** that won't fit in the bin."

SOLUTION: The Bulk Pickup. This is a FREE pickup that takes place on the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, or 4th Saturday of the month, depending on your address. No more than five (5) items per month. List closes at noon the Friday before your bulk day. Call us to schedule, at 972-292-5900.

"I have a **LARGE METAL APPLIANCE** that I'd like to recycle."

SOLUTION: The Metal Pickup. This is a \$15 metal recycling pickup that takes place every Thursday. Schedule at www.friscotexas.gov/recycle.

"I just moved in and have a **HUGE PILE OF CARDBOARD boxes!**"

SOLUTION: The Move-In Cardboard Pickup. This is a one-time FREE pickup of moving boxes and packing paper for recycling. Call us at 972-292-5900 before Friday at noon to schedule a Saturday pickup.

REDUCE Your WATER USE in 2017!



- Leave sprinkler systems OFF in winter.
- Grasses are dormant during winter months when no watering is necessary.
- Schedule a FREE sprinkler system checkup with a City of Frisco licensed irrigator.
- Subscribe to the WaterWise e-newsletter with weekly watering advisories, seasonal gardening tips, and priority registration for workshops.
- Get involved in water conservation opportunities. **Join the WaterWise Community Captains.**



Subscribe to weekly watering advisories

Based on Frisco's weather station data.



2016 Weather Station Data

No watering was needed for 34 weeks in 2016. There was a need to water one day per week for 18 weeks of the year.

With nearly 10 years of data collected, Frisco's weather station data illustrates how infrequently supplemental irrigation with a sprinkler system is needed to meet weekly lawn watering requirements.

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