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When you're not sure if it goes in the blue, just give us a call... we're happy to tell you!

An interesting phenomenon called "wish-cycling" is becoming more prevalent in communities with recycling programs. To explain, "wish-cycling" happens when residents (with the best intentions) place items they HOPE are recyclable into the blue cart, even if those items are NOT a part of the curbside recycling program.

Many people don't realize that the recycling we put in our blue carts here in Frisco eventually travels to the Material Recovery Facility (MRF) in McKinney, Texas. At the MRF, it is sorted by type and sent off to recycling facilities where it will be made into new products.

Interestingly, not all cities have the ability to recycle the same items. It all depends on the MRF where the city's recycling ends up.

There are lots of strange things that end up in the MRF, and these non-recyclable items are called "contamination." Unfortunately, when these items wind up at the MRF, they must be disposed of as trash and sent to the landfill. You can recycle many items by dropping them off at the Environmental Collection Center. Visit our website to learn more at FriscoTexas.gov/Recycle!

COMMONLY "WISH-CYCLED" ITEMS IN FRISCO

-  **Hardback books** **DON'T** put these in your blue cart!
Tip: Remove the hard cover and recycle the pages!
-  **Vacuum cleaners and other appliances**
Tip: Schedule a free bulk pickup if these don't fit in the trash. Call us at 972-292-5900 to schedule.
-  **Textiles (clothes, bedding, pillows, towels, fabric)**
Tip: Try donating these to a local non-profit or animal shelter. Most donations are tax-deductible.
-  **Leaves/green waste**
Tip: Set this out on your regular service day following the yard waste setout guidelines.
-  **Styrofoam**
Tip: Drop Styrofoam off at 6616 Walnut Street. We'll make sure it is sent off for recycling!
-  **Large metal items, electronics, chemicals and aerosol cans**
Tip: These can seriously damage the recycle truck and put the driver in harm's way. Please bring these items to 6616 Walnut Street during our special collection hours (Wed 2pm-6pm & Sat 8am-1pm).



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Chunk Your Junk



8 a.m. - 12 p.m.

August 13, 2016

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 First 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 Summer Collection! Book Donations for the Frisco Public Library!

Please bring books, magazines, DVDs/Blu-Rays and CDs for the library.

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 by Sierra Shred. 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 water bill with matching Frisco address are required to dispose of HHW, electronics and Freon. Disposal charges are billed to Frisco utility account for appliances with Freon (\$40). Limit two (2) TVs and no more than 35 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, August 20 at 6616 Walnut Street.

THE NEXT CHUNK YOUR JUNK will be on Saturday, November 12 at 6616 Walnut Street.

Don't wait in Chunk Your Junk lines! You can dispose of the items in RED every week at 6616 Walnut Street (Wednesdays 2-6pm & Saturdays 8am-1pm)!

Book Donations

The Frisco Public Library gladly accepts donations of the following:

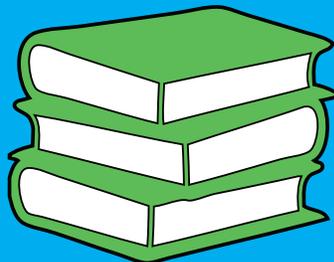
- Books
- Magazines
- DVDs/Blu-Rays
- CDs

Donated items are sold in the Book Nook to raise money, or they may be added to the collection if they meet the library's needs and criteria.

NEW THIS SUMMER!

Residents can drop off book donations during **Chunk Your Junk at 6616 Walnut Street on August 13!**

Library staff can provide a tax receipt at the time of donation.



The Reuse Center (closed during Chunk Your Junk)

On a budget or just trying to save money this summer? Make sure to check out The Reuse Center at 6616 Walnut Street!

Open Wednesdays 2pm-6pm and Saturdays 8am-1pm, you can pick up gently-used household products FOR FREE when you sign the waiver form.

So how does it work? Responsible residents bring in chemicals, paint, etc. for safe disposal at the Environmental Collection Center. As we sort through the materials, all non-expired, usable products are placed back on the shelves at The Reuse Center to be taken for free by Frisco residents.

Each week, we usually have paint, house cleaners, lawn products, pool chemicals and more available for reuse. We hope you will help us give these chemicals a "second life!"



Call us!

If you ever have questions or concerns, please contact our Environmental Services staff at 972-292-5900. Frisco's waste service provider, Progressive Waste Solutions, is always happy to help, but we are proud to say that we know Frisco best of all!



Tip! Out hunting for Pokémon this summer? You can also join us in the battle against litter! It's easy... just bring along a bag to pick up trash, and don't forget to clean up after your pet!



Yard Waste

Yard waste is collected on the same day as your trash and recycling, but it may not go in EITHER cart. You may place up to 10 bags and/or bundles of yard waste for free pickup.

Bags must be folded down, and **MUST NOT** contain **dirt, mulch or rocks.**

Limbs must be **< 4"** in diameter, cut into **3 foot lengths and bundled** with rope or twine (less than 30lbs each).

Get Involved!

If you're a kid, then you may be able to join the "Green Team" at your school!

If you're a teen, then you can join "Teens 4 Green" at FriscoTexas.gov/Teens4Green. You can sign up to receive emails or text notifications about upcoming projects!

For all ages... you can join Frisco's "Adopt-A-Street" litter cleanup program! Information is available on our website at FriscoTexas.gov/Adopt-A-Street.



Adopt-A-Street

Help us Keep Frisco Beautiful and receive recognition for doing it!

Groups can "Adopt A Street" in Frisco by cleaning both sides of a one-mile stretch of road, five times each year. In return, we'll install a sign with your group's name on it! Visit FriscoTexas.gov/Adopt-A-Street to learn more, or contact our new AAS Coordinator, Julianah Marie at 972-292-5904.



Where Does It Go?

BASIC RECYCLING (put in the blue cart)

- Paper
- Plastic #1-7
- Cardboard
- Plastic Bags
- Metal
- Paper Cartons
- Glass
- (ex: milk, juice, soup, etc.)

Bring **HHW** and **Electronics** to 6616 Walnut Street on Wednesdays 2-6pm and Saturdays 8am-1pm.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE (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.

ELECTRONICS RECYCLING (do not put in either cart)

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

Questions about something not on this list? Ask us at 972-292-5900!

Simple Set-Out "Do's and Don'ts"

Help us help you! Following these simple set-out guidelines will help your carts to be serviced quickly and efficiently!

- DO: Place carts at least 3 feet from all objects.**
- DON'T:** Put carts too close to fences, meters or vehicles.
- DO: Place carts at edge of driveway, not up by house.**
- Drivers do not have access to private property to get carts.**
- DON'T:** Let carts block street or alleyway.
- DO: Face both carts toward the street or alleyway.**
- DON'T:** Face carts backwards, or put one behind the other.
- DO: Bag all trash and recycling to prevent litter.**
- DON'T:** Overload your cart; lid must close completely.
- DO: Place yard waste in brown bags and bundle limbs.**
- DON'T:** Put yard waste in either cart; it must be composted.
- DO: Dispose of paint, chemicals & aerosol cans at 6616 Walnut St, Wednesday 2-6pm and Saturday 8am-1pm.**
- DON'T:** Put these items in carts; they can catch on fire or explode in the truck. Also, paint can leak out of the truck causing major property damage in your neighborhood.

We appreciate your cooperation!

Help! I Need A Large Item Pickup!

"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. Please call us to schedule.

"I have a large metal appliance that I'd like to recycle."

SOLUTION: The Metal Pickup. This is a \$15 pickup that takes place every Thursday. Items will be recycled. Please fill out the online form at FriscoTexas.gov/Recycle.

"I just moved in and have lots of cardboard moving boxes and packing paper!"

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

"I have a lot of mixed trash. I need it picked up soon!"

SOLUTION: The Paid Pickup. Call Progressive directly at 469-452-8000 for an estimate on disposal cost.

WATERING Your Lawn WISELY?



Find out how much water your lawn needs to stay healthy and beautiful this summer. Subscribe to receive weekly watering recommendations and schedule a **FREE** sprinkler system check-up.

SUBSCRIBE TO THE WATERWISE NEWSLETTER

The weekly lawn watering advice is based on data collected from Frisco's own weather station and rain gauges. The WaterWise e-newsletters offer timely lawn and garden tips and updates on workshops and programs.

Let Frisco's weather station data be your smart controller! Subscribe to the weekly WaterWise newsletters at www.friscotexas.gov/water.

SCHEDULE A FREE SPRINKLER SYSTEM CHECK-UP

We want to help you water efficiently. During a check-up, our irrigation specialist will guide you through your sprinkler system operation, identify broken or misaligned sprinkler heads, check for leaks, and set controller run times based on the City's watering schedule.

Email waterwise@friscotexas.gov to schedule your **FREE** sprinkler system check-up today.



WWW.FRISCOTEXAS.GOV/WATER | WATERWISE@FRISCOTEXAS.GOV | 24 HR WATERING LINE 972.292.5801

CURRENT RESIDENT



CHUNK YOUR JUNK
 Saturday, August 13
 8am-12pm
 6616 Walnut Street
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