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# News Release

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## Keep Murphy Beautiful sponsors Clean & Green event *Curbside pickup of hazardous chemicals also set*

MURPHY (September 14, 2016) Murphy is presenting a pair of activities on Oct. 8 that will help residents clear the clutter in their garages or businesses, and eliminate hazardous material from their homes.

“Our fall Clean & Green event will be complemented by curbside pickup of hazardous household waste,” says Candy McQuiston, Customer Service Manager. “Residents will be able to drop off recyclables at the City Hall driveway, and they’ll be able to leave unwanted chemicals, fertilizers and other hazardous materials on the curb in front of their homes for pickup. Both are free, but the curbside pickup requires residents to get on the trucks’ schedule.”

The two activities, sponsored by Keep Murphy Beautiful, are set for Saturday, Oct. 8. The Clean & Green Recycling event gets underway at 9 a.m. at the Murphy Municipal Complex, 206 North Murphy Road. The City Hall driveway will be converted into a drive-through, drop-off route for clothing, shoes, clothing accessories, backpacks, hard toys, batteries, pots and pans, stuffed animals, wood and compost, carpet, light bulbs, Styrofoam, plastic bags, electronic waste, and tires.

Document shredding will also be available onsite. “The event will occur rain or shine,” she added, “and it closes at noon.”

At the same time, the City’s waste collection contractor, Progressive Waste Solutions, will send trucks to Murphy addresses that appear on their schedules. To get on one of the schedules, residents must call ahead or send an email message to Progressive. Large electronics and household hazardous materials, such as solvents, cleaning agents, wet paint, fertilizers, acids and other items will be picked up at no charge.

Residents with these items must call 469-452-8000 or an e-mail message to: [murphy@progressivewaste.com](mailto:murphy@progressivewaste.com) will ensure that trucks arrive. Simply placing the items on the curb without calling will not guarantee collection. Deadline to get on the schedule is 4 p.m., Oct. 7.

“Clearing out the garage or attic in anticipation of the colder temperatures makes perfect sense,” she said. “And getting rid of any summer fertilizers or other chemicals in a proper fashion helps the environment. We certainly want to keep Murphy clean and green, and disposing of these harsh chemicals properly helps tremendously.”

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**ABOUT MURPHY** -- Murphy is a fast-growing community located in Collin County. The population is approximately 18,020, generally characterized as highly educated with a median household income above the state average. With more than 70 percent of the land developed, the community is dominated by single-family residences. City planners strive to preserve a country feel while exhibiting an aggressive economic development stance. Money Magazine has dubbed Murphy as the 27<sup>th</sup> Best Place to Live in America for small cities, and D Magazine placed Murphy as the fifth best suburb in the 2014 list, where it has consistently ranked in the top 10.