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News Release

Citywide Pickup Week is Oct. 8-12; cleanup day likely rained out

Extra trash pickup coincides with regular schedule; call ahead for larger items

ARKANSAS CITY, Kan. (October 5, 2018) — The City of Arkansas City will conduct its Citywide Pickup Week refuse collection event next week throughout the city, in conjunction with normal pickup.

The pickup week will be unaffected by anticipated heavy rainfall predicted through early next week.

However, a volunteer Fall Cleanup Day event starting at 8 a.m. Saturday probably will be impacted.

"We are not officially canceling Fall Cleanup Day tomorrow, due to a low risk of lightning and severe weather, but our confidence is high that we will experience rainfall through the entire morning," said Public Information Officer Andrew Lawson. "We just don't know how heavy it will be."

Heavy rainfall cannot be ruled out Saturday morning, depending on how overnight storms develop.

Any volunteers who still wish to participate will be given assignments related to Pickup Week that can be accomplished despite any rainy conditions. Mowing and weed eating likely will not be practical.

"Please use your best judgment regarding the weather conditions," Lawson said. "If it is drizzling, there are some things we can do. If it is absolutely pouring, we advise volunteers to just stay home."

For questions or concerns about Fall Cleanup Day, please call Lawson at (620) 441-4415 or send him an email at alawson@arkansascityks.gov.

Electronic waste recycling still will be offered Saturday. The drop-off location is being moved to the south side of the 100 block of West Central Avenue, in front of the 31st Century Techsupport office.

Citywide Pickup Week details

Citywide Pickup Week will coincide with the regularly scheduled refuse collection days for each part of Arkansas City. City crews will pick up non-household trash and debris from Monday through Friday.

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Items suitable for pickup should be bundled, boxed, bagged or tied, and must not exceed 50 pounds in weight. For tires of up to pickup truck size or items that exceed 50 pounds, special arrangements can be made by calling the Public Works Department at (620) 441-4480 prior to your scheduled pickup day.

Old appliances without Freon and furniture will be picked up in reasonable quantities. City crews also will pick up **ONE** appliance that contains Freon, such as a refrigerator or freezer, per household.

Place household garbage and trash in your normal container pickup location by 6 a.m.

Please do not place cleanup debris or trash in the gutter or in the ditch. Old trash containers need to be tagged or smashed before disposal. Items that **cannot** be accepted for pickup by City crews include:

- Loose leaves, brush or tree trimmings — these need to be taken to the F Street burn pit;
- Construction, remodeling or roofing materials;
- Electronic waste such as computers — this can be dropped off Oct. 6 at 107 W. Central;
- Concrete blocks, rocks or dirt;
- Quantities of iron, sheet metal and/or wire;
- Vehicles or car bodies and mechanical parts;
- Paint or chemicals of any kind. These items can be taken to the Cowley County Landfill.

Leaves, brush and tree trimmings will be accepted at the F Street burn pit from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Thursday and from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday. The site is located on the east side of F Street, north of Chestnut Avenue and south of Linden Avenue.

For questions about what items can or cannot be accepted for pickup, please call (620) 441-4480.

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