



the Breeze

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SOLID WASTE SCHEDULE AND RESOURCES

The City of Portland uses Republic Services for trash, recycling, and bulk collection services. Republic Services picks up trash every week and recycling pick-up is every other week. Bulk pick-up occurs once a month. The City of Portland provides 3 options for residents to access their trash, recycling, and bulk schedules.

Printable Schedules

All trash, recycling and bulk schedules are available on the City's website at PortlandTX.com/584/Trash-Recycling-schedule. To find your schedule, find your street in the tables listed on the webpage. Once you found your street, click the underlined words above the table. The PDF version of your trash, recycling, and bulk schedule will populate the screen. You may download the PDF and print it, if you would like a physical copy. If you do not have access to a printer, you may pick up your schedule from the Portland Public Works Department at 1101 Moore Avenue.

Recycle Coach Resources

The City provides Portland residents a free program called Recycle Coach. This program enables you to:

- Access your trash, recycling and bulk-item collection schedules
- Set reminders to put out your trash and recycle carts and when to put bulk-items out for collection via text or email on a weekly or one-time basis
- Find how to properly dispose of items, including hazardous waste
- Report missed pick-ups

The Recycle Coach program is available on the City's website at PortlandTX.com/638/Recycle-Coach-Trash-Recycle and as a mobile application (app). To download the Recycle Coach app on your Apple or Android devices, open the App Store or Google Play Store and search "Recycle Coach". The online and mobile application versions offer the same tools and resources.

VACCINE INFORMATION

The Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recently began distributing the COVID-19 vaccine to state health departments. Texas is actively distributing the Moderna and Pfizer COVID-19 vaccines to hospitals, pharmacies, local health departments, freestanding emergency rooms (ERs) and other clinics. For a map of where vaccines are available, visit: tdem.maps.arcgis.com/vaccine. *Please note: The City of Portland does not procure or distribute COVID-19 vaccinations, but we will keep our residents informed as information about the COVID-19 vaccinations become available.*

Texas Allocation Plan

The Texas Department of State Health Services' (DSHS) Expert Vaccination Allocation Panel (EVAP) created a 3-phased approach for the COVID-19 vaccine distribution for all providers in Texas to follow. Phase 1 of the DSHS distribution plan includes two tiers (1-A and 1-B). Tier 1-A population includes:

- Direct Care—Hospital, Long-Term Care, EMS 9-1-1, Home Health, Outpatient, ER/Urgent Care, Pharmacies, Last Responders, School Nurse Staff
- Long-Term Care—Residents of Long-Term Care Facilities

Tier 1-B population includes:

- Persons 65-years-old or older
- The Pfizer vaccine is available to persons 16-years-old or older with at least one chronic condition
- The Moderna vaccine is available to persons 18-years-old or older with at least one chronic condition

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Texas Allocation Plan, continued

The Moderna and Pfizer vaccinations are currently being distributed to the Phase 1 population. Phases 2 and 3 are under consideration by the DSHS EVAP. For information on the Moderna and Pfizer vaccines and more information on Phase 1 populations, visit: dshs.texas.gov/COVID19vaccine.

San Patricio County Information

The San Patricio County Public Health Department (SPCPHD) was approved as a COVID-19 vaccine provider by the State of Texas. The SPCPHD shares information related to COVID-19 on the San Patricio County Emergency Management website, sanpatem.net. If you have questions regarding COVID-19, you can reach the County's Center for COVID-19 by dialing 361-201-0551 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

SPRING CLEANING

Spring is around the corner. Many partake in annual spring cleaning indoors and in the yard or garden. The City of Portland is planning a special bulk waste drop-off event for our residents on March 20, 2021, to help reduce the amount of bulk waste sitting in your yard until your scheduled monthly bulk pick-up. More information will be available in the March 2021 edition of The Breeze and in the weekly eNews articles. Until then, we encourage you to utilize the Recycle Coach app to determine what is eligible for bulk waste.

CONNECT WITH THE CITY OF PORTLAND

The City of Portland uses several online outlets to provide updates and disseminate other important information throughout the month to keep Portland residents informed. The outlets social media, our website, and a weekly electronic newsletter (eNews). We encourage you to follow us on these platforms to ensure you are up-to-date on City news, events, and notices.

To subscribe to the weekly eNews letter, please email "subscribe" to enews@portlandtx.com. The eNews letter is sent to your email every Tuesday around 3:30 p.m. You can find the City's Facebook, Twitter, and other social platforms by visiting portlandtx.com/79/social-networking.

UPCOMING EVENTS AND IMPORTANT DATES

- **Tuesday, February 2: Portland City Council Meeting**
 - Portland City Hall (1900 Billy G. Webb Dr.)
 - Meeting begins at 7:00 p.m.
- **Wednesday, February 10: Love Your Library Drive Through event**
 - Bell/Whittington Public Library Parking Lot (2400 Memorial Pkwy)
 - 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. & 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
- **Sunday, February 14: Valentine's Day**
- **Monday, February 15: Presidents' Day**
- **Tuesday, February 16: Portland City Council Meeting**
 - Portland City Hall (1900 Billy G. Webb Dr.)
 - Meeting begins at 7:00 p.m.
- **The annual Daddy/Daughter Dance event date is postponed and tentatively scheduled for June 2021**
 - Details for the Daddy/Daughter Dance and all Special Events hosted by the City are posted here: portlandtx.com/517/special-events

The logo for the City of Portland, featuring the text "The City of Portland" in a serif font and "of possibilities." in a smaller sans-serif font below it, with a small green leaf icon above the word "Portland".

New Year, Same Utility Rates!

Waste Water An icon showing a hand pouring water into a sink, with wavy lines below representing water.	An icon of a water tap with a single drop of water falling from it. Water	Solid Waste An icon of a recycling bin with a recycling symbol on it.
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Portland City Council voted unanimously to keep the water, wastewater, and solid waste rates the same for 2021.