

ROCKWALL CITY NOTES



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CHANGES COMING TO GARBAGE & RECYCLING IN 2026

Rockwall residents will see changes to their garbage, recycling, brush and bulk collection services beginning in January as part of the City's new contract with Republic Services.

The first update takes effect **January 1** when new brush and bulk volume limits go into place. Residents may set out up to six cubic yards per pick up, which will occur twice per month. Six cubic yards is roughly the size of six ovens or 6ft x 9ft x 3ft.

A second change begins **January 12** when a new city-wide garbage and recycling schedule begins. This includes new service days, one pick up per week, and brand-new poly carts compatible with the automated Republic Services trucks.

Every household will receive both a new garbage cart and a new recycling cart delivered directly to their address.

If your current garbage service days are Monday/Thursday, you will receive your carts the week of **December 29**.

If your current garbage service days are on Tuesday/Friday, you will receive your carts the week of **January 5**.

- If you currently rent carts, you will need to leave your carts out to be picked up on your new cart delivery week.
- If you currently have your own carts, they will no longer be serviced, beginning on January 12. If you want to dispose of your personal carts, you can set them out front with your bulk trash during your assigned week. Please ensure they are empty and marked "trash."
- If you want to keep your current small recycle tubs, you can use them as you wish, but they will also not be serviced starting January 12. If you want to dispose of the small recycle tubs, you can also set them out with your bulk waste on your collection week.

City staff acknowledges the number of upcoming changes and is working to keep residents informed throughout the transition. Throughout December and January, residents can expect updates through Rockwall.com, social media channels, and direct mailers delivered to their homes. Materials will include a detailed service-zone map, cart placement guidance, and answers to frequently asked questions.

<https://www.rockwall.com/garbageupdates.asp>



MAYOR & CITY MANAGER DELIVER ANNUAL STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS



On November 19, Mayor Tim McCallum and City Manager Mary Smith presented the annual State of the City address at the Rockwall Area Chamber of Commerce Luncheon. The presentation highlighted major accomplishments from the past year, ongoing capital projects, financial updates, community engagement efforts, and exciting initiatives planned.

A full video of the presentation is now available for residents and businesses who want to stay informed about what's happening across the City. This is a great resource for anyone interested in City operations, upcoming improvements, and the vision guiding Rockwall's future.

Watch here: <https://youtu.be/5o3FZ5qzft8>



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INTERSTATE 30 UPDATES

TxDOT's ongoing construction projects in Rockwall continue to bring major roadway improvements, including the widening of the I-30 bridges over John King Blvd. and FM 3549/Stodghill Rd. As part of this work, on-ramp closures and lane shifts are expected through the end of the year. Progress continues on the Horizon Rd. Bridge expansion, with traffic now on the new, eastside lanes and construction on the west side.

Speed limits have been reduced to **35 MPH** on all frontage roads within the City limits. Residents and drivers should use extra caution when navigating these lanes and temporary business driveways in the area.

Progress continues on the I-30 eastbound frontage road over the lake, with drilling underway on the westbound side.

For up-to-date information on daily lane closures, please visit drivetexas.org

Sign up for text alerts at <https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/TXDOT/signup/35720>

12 DAYS OF SAFETY

'Tis the season for joy, laughter, and festive cheer, but it's also the perfect time to prioritize safety.

- Keep decorations a safe distance from flames.
- Avoid hiding cords under rugs or leaving them where they can trip someone.
- Water real trees daily and dispose of them promptly after Christmas to prevent them from drying out.
- Turn off holiday lights before bed. Most fires happen at night.
- Don't overuse extension cords.
- Make sure every floor and bedroom has smoke alarms, and don't forget to test them.
- Keep space heaters at least three feet from anything flammable.
- Check for frayed wires or damaged items.
- Store batteries safely, as kids and pets might mistake them for toys or treats.
- Keep holiday plants like poinsettias and mistletoe out of reach of kids and pets.
- Never leave cooking unattended; distractions can quickly turn dangerous.
- Only burn appropriate materials in the fireplace, and store ashes in a metal bin far from the house.

PET OF THE MONTH: KING



Hello, my name is King, an 18-month-old Pitbull/American Bulldog mix weighing about 80 pounds of gentle love. My previous family could no longer care for me, so I'm now hoping to find a furever home. I'm a shy guy at first. New faces and new places take me a moment to warm up to, but once I trust you, I'm eager to be your very best friend, especially if you have good snacks. I am leash and crate trained, and I get along well with my litter mate. I have the potential to do well with other dogs; however, a meet and greet is recommended to make sure we're a good match. I'd thrive best in a calm, adult-only home where I can build confidence at my own pace. Children and their energetic quirks and rowdiness can be a bit much for me. I am neutered, microchipped, up-to-date on rabies and boosters, and heartworm negative. I've been searching for my furever home for over 220 days and am officially a Diamond Dog, which means my adoption fee is just \$75. Please fill out an application to come meet me!

Rockwall Animal Adoption Center

825 Airport Road

(972) 771-7750

RockwallAdoptions.com

Even though winter is setting in, December is an important time for maintaining a healthy and protected landscape.

- Start by ensuring your irrigation system is turned off for the season, unless we experience two or more weeks without rainfall. In this case, a supplemental watering may be needed. If a deep freeze is in the forecast, water your landscape about 24 hours in advance. Moist soil retains heat better than dry soil, offering extra protection to roots.
- Apply 1.5 to 2 inches of mulch in your flower beds to help insulate root systems from freezing temperatures. When extreme cold is expected, cover vulnerable plants with landscape cloth or frost blankets to protect them from damage.
- Never leave your irrigation system running during winter. It can lead to frozen sidewalks and streets, creating dangerous conditions for both pedestrians and drivers.

Fun Fact: In the 1600s, tulip bulbs were once more valuable than gold, sparking a financial frenzy known as "Tulip Mania" that eventually crashed the Dutch economy!

TRAVIS' TOOLBOX

TIPS FROM TRAVIS SALES,
DIRECTOR OF PARKS AND REC



Mark your Calendar

Rockwall Baseball and Softball League
Registration open until Jan. 12

Daddy Daughter Dance - Jan. 24
The Hilton, 5pm-6:30pm or 7:30pm-9pm

Check out more events online
https://www.rockwall.com/event_Calendar.asp

