

# HEARD FROM THE CURB

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## Sprinkler Savings



**No one wants to flush a hard-earned paycheck down the storm drain.** Overwatering your lawn wastes both water and money! Turn all that extra splash-splash back into cash. You may be surprised - small actions can add up to huge savings!

**Subscribe to the WaterWise weekly e-newsletter** and receive weekly lawn watering advice, so you know when to water and how much water your lawn really needs. It's easy to sign up at [www.FriscoTexas.gov/Water](http://www.FriscoTexas.gov/Water).

**Schedule a free sprinkler system check-up with one of Frisco's licensed irrigators.** A single missing sprinkler head can waste thousands of gallons of water each month - and that'll cost you! Use the **myFRISCO app** or call 972-292-5800.

**Don't water in the middle of the day, especially during our hot Texas summers.** Imagine you're holding a crisp dollar bill, and it vanishes into vapor before your eyes. The same thing happens when the water you pay for is lost to evaporation. This is why watering is allowed only before 10 a.m. and after 6 p.m. on your recycle/trash day.

## Only Rain Down the Drain



**Pet waste = POO-LLUTION!** When it rains (or your sprinkler system runs), nutrients and harmful bacteria from pet waste wash from yards, sidewalks and trails into Frisco's waterways. DOO the right thing - please bring a baggy and always pick up after your pet!

**Avoid applying chemicals before heavy rain, and don't overwater with your sprinkler system.** When fertilizers, weed killers and other chemicals wash down into storm drains, they flow into local bodies of water untreated. This can harm wildlife and contaminate other drinking water sources.

## Landscape Tips

**Apply only the recommended amount of fertilizer.** Don't wing it - read the label! Extra nutrients flow easily downstream when it rains. Consider using compost or organic fertilizers.

**Leave grass clippings on the lawn instead of bagging them.** They act as a natural fertilizer as the clippings break down over time, and they help the lawn retain moisture during the hot summer months. Remember: the less you water, the more you save!



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# Chunk Your Junk



**8 a.m. to 12 p.m.**  
**August 8, 2020**  
**At 6616 Walnut Street**



Map and more information available at  
[www.FriscoTexas.gov/ChunkYourJunk](http://www.FriscoTexas.gov/ChunkYourJunk)

Residents may bring the following items for safe disposal, recycling or donation.

To help residents move quickly through the event, items are listed in the order which they can be unloaded.

1. Plastic bags & bagged Styrofoam
2. Bundled cardboard
3. Prescription medications \*
4. Paper shredding \*\*

5. Yard waste / untreated wood
6. Metal / appliances \*\*\*
7. All items for trash
8. Refrigerators \*\*\*

9. HHW / Electronics \*\*\*
10. Donations for Medina Children's Home

- \* Remove all prescription medications ahead of time, and place them in a single bag. Bottles are recyclable. 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. There is a FOUR BOX LIMIT per vehicle (max box size 12"W x15.5"L x10.5"H). No commercial accounts/quantities 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 & Frisco water bill w/matching address are required to dispose of all items, including HHW, e-waste and refrigerators/Freon. Disposal charges are billed to Frisco utility account for appliances with Freon (\$40). Limit two (2) TVs and no more than 50 total pounds of paint/HHW.

**HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE (HHW)** includes household chemicals, paint, gasoline/oil, batteries, lightbulbs, etc.

**UNDER SEVERE/DANGEROUS WEATHER CONDITIONS** Chunk Your Junk may be "paused." For up-to-date information, please call 972-292-5900.

**THE NEXT CHUNK YOUR JUNK** will be on Saturday, November 7 at 6616 Walnut Street.

**APARTMENT RESIDENTS** may not use Chunk Your Junk, but may drop off during special hours w/ driver's license & a current Frisco rent statement.

- ! For safety, a face covering is encouraged when dropping off materials. No walk-up drop-offs are permitted.
- ! This is a Do-It-Yourself Disposal Event. Residents must unload all of their own items, EXCEPT for HHW items.
- ! DO NOT get out of your car in the HHW disposal area. Please have items ready in the trunk, so an attendant can unload them.
- ! Event is for Frisco residents only. Driver's license and Frisco water bill with matching address are REQUIRED to drop off all items. Please show to attendant through your vehicle window, while it is rolled up.
- ! Event entry will be from southbound 1st Street only. All other entrances will be CLOSED. Please consult map online at [www.FriscoTexas.gov/ChunkYourJunk](http://www.FriscoTexas.gov/ChunkYourJunk).
- ! Residents must be in line by 11:00 a.m. to receive service. EXTREMELY long lines are expected at this event due to social distancing measures that are necessary for safety. Gates must close at 12 p.m., regardless of any line that remains.

## Keep Others in Mind

Frisco's Chunk Your Junk event represents a "large social gathering" because it is always so well-attended. To allow the 800+ residents that normally attend this event to pass through smoothly, we must ask all participants to use their best judgement when it comes to proximity to others who are utilizing Chunk Your Junk services.

We ask that all event participants please be considerate of others, for the safety of everyone.

- All residents are HIGHLY ENCOURAGED to:
- Wear a **face covering and gloves**.
- Maintain **at least a six-foot distance** from each other while unloading vehicles.



## Safety First

When dropping off during our special hours, please show staff your driver's license and water bill through your vehicle window, while it is rolled up.

This will help keep both residents and city workers safe, and ensure effective social distancing. We all appreciate your cooperation!

## Please Bag Both Recycling and Trash



In Frisco, we ask that our residents **BAG BOTH RECYCLING AND TRASH** to help prevent litter.

When your cart tips over during regular service, the wind can blow pieces of paper and other lightweight recyclables into the alley or street.

When it rains, this litter often flows into nearby storm drains, ending up in Frisco's creeks, ponds and natural areas. Litter is actually the #1 most common form of stormwater pollution in Frisco!

## Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

For safety reasons,

**DO NOT RECYCLE personal protective equipment (PPE) like facial masks or gloves.**

These should be disposed of in the black trash cart.



## Don't Forget...

Chunk Your Junk is a SELF-SERVICE event. This means residents should unload all of their own items.

**THE EXCEPTION TO THIS is Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) and electronics.**

- When dropping off HHW and electronics in the designated area, **residents MUST remain inside their vehicle.**
- An attendant will advise you when to open your trunk, and technicians will unload your HHW or electronics for you.

## Avoid the Lines!

Reserve your time slot at [FriscoTexas.gov/HHW](http://FriscoTexas.gov/HHW) to experience chemical and electronics drop-off ON YOUR SCHEDULE!

**FAST-LANE FRIDAYS**

**REGULAR DROP-OFF HOURS**

**SPECIAL COLLECTION HOURS**

**TO CUSTER TRANSFER STATION**

**SPECIAL DISPOSAL REQUIRED**

Bring items in **GREEN** to 6616 Walnut Street Monday - Friday 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. and Saturday 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Bring items in **BLUE** to 6616 Walnut Street Wednesday 2 - 5 p.m. (October - February) Wednesday 2 - 6 p.m. (March - September) and Saturday 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Take items in **RED** to the Custer Transfer Station at 9901 Custer Road in Plano Monday - Saturday 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

We accept items in **ORANGE** ONLY during Chunk Your Junk. Note: Some local pharmacies may accept prescription medications for disposal. Please call them ahead to verify.

## Had a visit from the Online Shopping Fairy?



**Make sure to flatten cardboard boxes**

before you put them in your blue cart or bring them to the Environmental Collection Center!



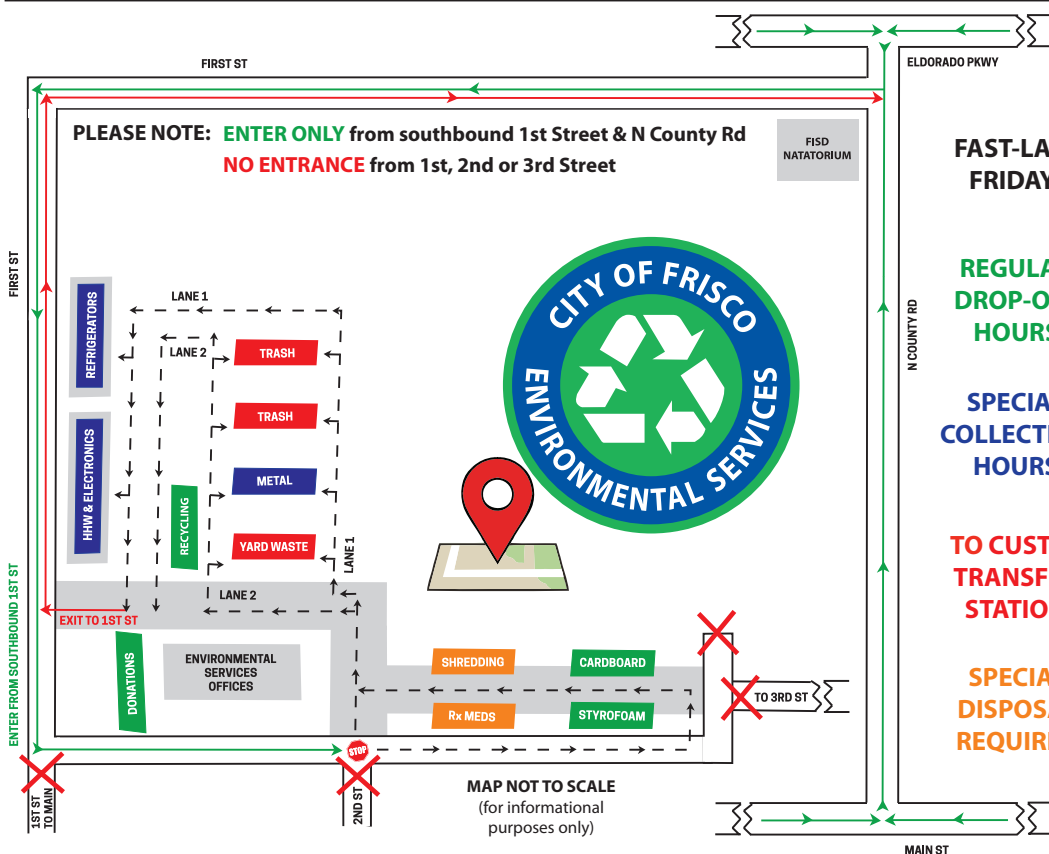
## Play FRISCO Play... Naturally!



### THE FRISCO JUNIOR RANGER PROGRAM

Join "Ranger Rufus" on a learning adventure through litter, recycling, water and nature, right here in Frisco! Kids can even earn their very own Frisco Junior Ranger Badge when they finish their handbook! Learn more at [PlayFrisco.org/NaturalResources](http://PlayFrisco.org/NaturalResources).

**TIP!** Follow @PlayFrisco on social media for more virtual activity ideas to keep kids engaged, moving, learning, and having fun!







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# Watering Wisely in Frisco

## SUMMER WATERING SCHEDULE

Watering is permitted **once per week** on your regularly scheduled residential recycle/trash day. Residents should not water between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. during Daylight Saving Time, because a large portion of applied water is lost to evaporation.

## WATER USING FRISCO'S WEATHER STATION DATA

Frisco's weekly lawn watering advice is based on data collected from the City's own weather station and rain gauges. Save water by **keeping your sprinkler system turned off** until data from Frisco's weather station indicates water is needed.

## THE WATERWISE E-NEWSLETTER: ADVICE ON THE GO

Subscribe to the weekly *WaterWise e-newsletters* at [www.FriscoTexas.gov/Water](http://www.FriscoTexas.gov/Water). Weekly lawn watering advice is also available via text and the 24-Hour Watering Line.

## SCHEDULE YOUR FREE SPRINKLER SYSTEM CHECK-UP

Frisco's licensed irrigators can quickly identify broken or misaligned sprinkler heads, check for leaks and set controller run times based on the City's watering schedule. Frisco's sprinkler check-up program is popular in the summer months, and appointment dates are first-come, first-served.

Use the *myFrisco* app or call 972-292-5800 to schedule your *FREE* sprinkler system check-up today.



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