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Fall Clean & Green event set for Saturday, October 14 *Curbside pickup of hazardous chemicals also set*

MURPHY (September 18, 2017) The autumn version of what has become a highly-valued, twice-yearly service for residents is set for Saturday, Oct. 14, helping Murphy homeowners clear the clutter and safely dispose of harsh chemicals.

“As customary, the fall edition of the Clean & Green event will be complemented by curbside pickup of hazardous household waste,” says Bailey Ragsdale, co-chair of Keep Murphy Beautiful and the Murphy Green Team. “On that morning, residents can drop off recyclables at the City Hall driveway, and leave unwanted chemicals, fertilizers and other hazardous materials on the curb in front of their homes for pickup.”

Both services are free, but the curbside pickup requires residents to get on the trucks’ schedule by calling or sending an email to the solid waste company before the deadline.

The two activities, endorsed by Keep Murphy Beautiful, are set for Saturday, Oct. 14. Dropping off recyclables at City Hall gets underway at 9 a.m. at the Municipal Complex, 206 North Murphy Road. The 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 ends promptly at noon.”

At the same time, the City’s waste collection contractor, Waste Connections, 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 Waste Connections. 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 send an e-mail message to murphy@progressivewaste.com. That call or email message 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. 13.

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

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ABOUT MURPHY -- Murphy is a fast-growing community located in Collin County. The population is approximately 19,330, 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 27th 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.