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# News Release

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## Springtime clean-up aided by three Murphy programs

MURPHY (March 15, 2016) Murphy is sponsoring three activities next month that will help residents clear the clutter in their homes or businesses, provide opportunities for volunteers to clean up a nature preserve, and eliminate hazardous material from their homes, says Candy McQuiston, Customer Service Manager.

“Residents tell us that they really appreciate the twice-yearly Clean & Green event,” she said. “And, for the last few years, we’ve held the Great American Clean-up and the curbside pickup of household hazardous waste on the same morning. It works well that way, and residents are becoming accustomed to it.”

The three activities, presented under the umbrella of Keep Murphy Beautiful, are set for Saturday, April 9. Specifically, the Clean & Green Trash and Recycling Event gets underway at 9 a.m. at the Murphy Municipal Complex, 206 North Murphy Road. The City Hall driveway will be converted into a drive-through, drop-off route for electronics, batteries, brush, used building materials as well as other items. Document shredding will also be available onsite. For a full list of collectible items, visit [www.murphytx.org](http://www.murphytx.org).

“Clothing or school supplies, backpacks and such will be passed along to the Murphy Middle School Environmental Club for recycling,” she said. The event will occur rain or shine, and will close at noon. Progressive Waste Solutions will be displaying the recycling truck that was recently wrapped with the winning entries in the Keep Murphy Beautiful poster and recycling super hero contest.

At the same time, Progressive will send out trucks on that Saturday morning to Murphy residences that call ahead and get on the pickup schedule. 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 to get on the schedule. Simply placing the items on the curb will not guarantee that they will get collected. A call or an e-mail message to: [murphy@progressivewaste.com](mailto:murphy@progressivewaste.com) will ensure that trucks arrive. Deadline to get on the schedule is 4 p.m., April 8.

And, the Great American Clean-up and Texas Trash-off are set for that morning with volunteers gathering at the pavilion at the Timbers Nature Preserve Park, on Pine Top Drive, at 9 a.m. They’ll pick up litter till noon. The first 150 volunteers who register will get a free T-shirt. Lunch will be served to all participants. Volunteers are still needed and can sign up at [www.murphytx.org](http://www.murphytx.org).

“For many of us getting the house and garage cleaned up is a springtime activity,” said McQuiston. “The Clean & Green event, curbside pickup of hazardous waste or volunteering to help get the park cleaned up are set for April 9, so circle that date on your calendar!”

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**ABOUT MURPHY** -- Murphy is a fast-growing community located in Collin County. The population is approximately 18,020, 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 27<sup>th</sup> 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.