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Spring Clean & Green event set for Saturday, April 8

MURPHY (March 6, 2023) Spring's annual arrival is always highly anticipated, as Murphy residents begin planting gardens, tidying up their yards, and cleaning out the accumulated clutter from the long winter. To assist in this rejuvenation, the spring version of the highly popular Clean & Green event has been set for Saturday, April 8.

The year's first of the twice-yearly collection of residential recycling is set for its usual venue, the driveways of City Hall, 206 North Murphy Road, and will begin at 9 a.m. and close promptly at noon.

The event is free to Murphy residents, though a valid driver's license or utility bill will be required as proof of residency. Collection stations will be arrayed throughout the winding route, featuring the usual drive through-drop-off format.

Notably, household hazardous waste (HHW) and large electronic recycling will be accepted at the morning event. Household hazardous waste includes wet paint, solvents, acids, strong cleaners, paint thinners, fertilizers, floor stripping liquids, weed killing chemicals, and similar toxic or otherwise dangerous chemicals.

"The fact that we're accepting HHW and large electronic devices saves residents from trying to figure out what to do with these items," says Greg Dunn, Recreation Specialist and member of the Keep Murphy Beautiful group.

At the same time, shoes, usable clothing, toys, cooking and eating utensils, and housewares will be collected, sorted, and shared with organizations that provide this kind of assistance to residents in need.

Among the material collected for disposal or recycling are light bulbs, batteries, and electronics such as old printers, computers, televisions, monitors and other similar items. Document shredding will be offered onsite as well. Tires of any type will not be accepted.

"Residents can start setting aside any left-over chemicals and paints from home improvement projects or other no-longer-needed solvents," said Dunn. "In addition, clothing, shoes, kitchen utensils, and other household items that are still usable will be gladly accepted."

While medical supplies are not accepted at the Clean & Green event, the Murphy Police Department sponsors two Drug Take Back days annually during which expired or unwanted drugs and medications are accepted. The next Drug Take Back event is set for Saturday, April 22. During that event, all medications, whether prescription or over the counter, are accepted and no questions are asked.

The Clean & Green event is weather dependent. In the unlikely event that inclement weather threatens to cancel the collection, updates will be posted on City of Murphy social media sites.

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ABOUT MURPHY -- Murphy is a fast-growing community located in Collin County. The population is approximately 21,200, generally characterized as highly educated with a median household income well above the state average. With more than 80 percent of the land developed, the community is dominated by single-family residences. City planners strive to preserve a family-oriented community with a strong sense of place. 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 its annual list, where it has consistently ranked in the top 10.