

# Richardson's Environmental Resources Newsletter



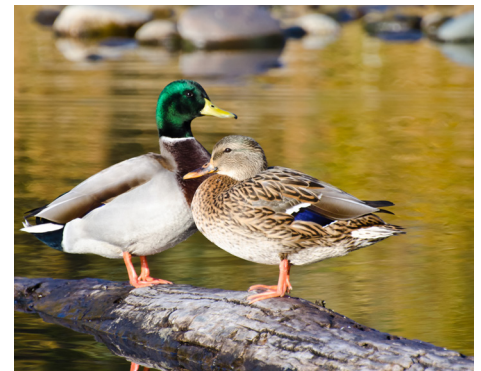
ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION FOR RICHARDSON RESIDENTS • JANUARY 2020

## Enjoy ducks, geese without feeding them

Feeding waterfowl that reside in city lakes and ponds is a family tradition, but please note that human food is junk food for ducks and geese. Without seeking other food sources, they won't get the nutrients they need to survive and can develop abnormalities such as deformed, "propeller" wings, decreased reproduction, lowered energy and the loss of flight ability.

Appreciating nature can still be a family tradition even without feeding waterfowl. The City suggests several waterfowl-related

activities such as photography, bird watching and researching the different species of waterfowl that migrate through North Texas each winter. To learn more, visit [www.cor.net/waterfowl](http://www.cor.net/waterfowl).



### Collection Center accepts hazardous waste

Richardson residents can take household hazardous waste to the Home Chemical Collection Center, 11234 Plano Rd. in Dallas. Residents must bring proof of residence in order to drop items off.

**Materials accepted** include aerosol cans, vehicle fluids, batteries, cellphones, compact fluorescent light bulbs, household cleaners, computers and monitors, gasoline, herbicides, paint and cooking oil. **Materials not accepted** include business or commercial waste, containers larger than 5 gallons, explosives or ammunition, common trash

#### Identify potential hazardous waste by looking for the following warnings on labels:

- DANGER!
- Flammable
- Volatile
- Contains Phosphates
- Toxic
- Harmful if Swallowed
- Reactive
- Corrosive
- Poison
- Skin Irritant
- Eye Irritant
- Do Not Mix
- Wear Rubber Gloves

or recyclables, televisions, microwaves and medical waste.

Hours of operation are Tuesdays from 9 a.m.-7:30 p.m., Wednesdays and Thursdays from 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. and the

second and fourth Saturdays of each month from 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Visit [www.dallascounty.org/departments/plandev/hhw](http://www.dallascounty.org/departments/plandev/hhw) for more information.

### Defend Your Drains by not flushing wipes

The Health Department wants to remind everyone that just because something can go down a drain, doesn't mean it should. To help get the message out it is sharing a new animated video created by the North Central Texas Council of Governments that focuses on "flushable" wipes and how they can block pipes and cause wastewater backup in homes. To see the video, visit <https://youtu.be/eGTLLQ84g78>.

## UPCOMING ENVIRONMENTAL EVENTS

#### Jan. 4

Last day of Holiday Box Recycling Program. Visit [www.cor.net/boxrecycling](http://www.cor.net/boxrecycling) for more information on how to properly dispose of cardboard boxes.

#### Jan. 20

Martin Luther King Jr. Day holiday. Most City facilities closed, and no solid waste pickup. Visit [www.cor.net/holidayschedule](http://www.cor.net/holidayschedule) for recycle makeup days.

#### Feb. 1

Last day to "tree cycle" a Christmas tree. Trees must be natural and unflocked. Visit [www.cor.net/treerecycling](http://www.cor.net/treerecycling) for more information.

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