

**Frequently Asked Questions for Residents of the City of Richmond,
River's Edge Subdivision (MUD 140) and Del Webb Sweetgrass (MUD 187)**

This Does Not Include Rio Vista Subdivision and RiverPark West Subdivision

How do I dispose of Household Hazardous Waste?

Please dispose of your old latex paint, motor oil, transmission oil, power steering fluid, batteries and antifreeze without harming the environment. Fort Bend County's Household Hazardous Waste Center is located at 1200 Blume Road in Rosenberg. A valid driver's license or other proof of residency in Fort Bend County is required. Household hazardous waste is accepted every Monday and on the first Saturday of each month. Call the Recycle Center at 281.342.5226 for hours of operation and information regarding acceptable materials. There is no charge to dispose of less than five gallons of waste. To dispose of five or more gallons, there is a \$5 fee per five-gallon volume of waste.

How can I properly dispose of paint?

Wet paint cannot be collected at the curbside. Dry paint will be collected if the lid is left off the can. To dry your leftover paint, mix cat litter or other absorbent with the wet paint and allow to dry until solid. Never pour paint or anything else down the storm drain. To properly dispose of wet paint, take your leftover paint to Fort Bend County's Household Hazardous Waste Center. Call the County's recycle center at 281.342.5226 for hours of operation and additional information. There is no charge to dispose of less than five gallons of waste. To dispose of five or more gallons, there is a \$5 fee per five-gallon volume of waste.

How do I properly dispose of tree limbs and brush?

Bulky items such as yard trimmings and tree limbs are collected every Wednesday. Bundled tree limbs/trimmings and hedge cuttings shall not exceed four (4) feet in length or four (4) inches in diameter. Tree stumps and large limbs shall be no longer than two feet in length and have a diameter equal to or less than 6 inches.

When is heavy trash/appliance pickup?

Republic Waste Systems will properly collect and dispose of four heavy items per month, per account, such as refrigerators, washing machines, dryers and hot water heaters, on the second Wednesday of the month. Large items and appliances are picked up at the curbside. Doors must be taped shut or removed from refrigerators and freezers before placing them out for collection. Some large or unusually heavy items are not collected at the curbside. Please call the Public Works Department at 281.342.0559 if you have a question about a particular item.

What items are not accepted in the trash?

Republic Waste Systems will not pick up automobile parts, tree stumps and logs heavier than 50 pounds and greater than 4 feet in length, dirt, construction debris, concrete, bricks, rocks, roofing

materials, metal poles, trampoline frames, highly volatile, toxic or hazardous chemicals, lead batteries, motor oil, tires, gasoline, paint or fence pickets with nails.

Helpful Tips About Your Garbage/Recycling Pickup Service

- Be sure to have your garbage / poly cart out by 7:00 a.m. to ensure service on your designated collection day. Republic Waste Systems provides pickup service between 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. twice a week.
- All poly carts and recycling bins must be placed within 3 feet of the street for curbside collection. Placement of your poly cart in the correct position is critical to servicing your residence as this collection is done by automation.
- Any appliance containing refrigerant/freon must be tagged by an appliance technician stating that the freon has been removed before being placed at the curb for collection. Republic Waste will not remove the item without the certificate tag. If the item is a refrigerator/freezer, the doors must be removed or taped completely shut and secured with tape. This is a safety measure to ensure that children do not get trapped inside.

If you have any questions regarding your service, please call:

City of Richmond Public Works Department - 281.342.0559
Republic Waste Systems - 713.937.9955

Please Consider Recycling!

Republic Waste Systems provides once-a-week curbside/street recycling and provides each home with one free 18-gallon blue bin. The collection program is included as part of your solid waste residential collection services. Recycle bins are made available at Public Works, 600 Morton Street.

Acceptable Items in the Bin

- **Newspapers, mail, magazines and envelopes. Please secure paper in brown grocery bags or bundle and tie.**
- **Aluminum and bi-metal (tin). It is not necessary to remove paper labels. Please rinse.**
- **#1 and #2 plastic jugs and bottles. Look for the recycling symbol. It is not necessary to remove labels. Caps and lids are ok, but please rinse.**
- **Phone books (during the months of March and October ONLY)**

Items Not Acceptable in the Bin

- **Plastic grocery bags, toys, dishes, buckets**
- **Styrofoam**
- **Wet newspapers**
- **Plastic containers which held oil, antifreeze, pesticides or other household hazardous waste**
- **Medical waste**
- **Aluminum foil**
- **Pie tins**
- **Scrap metal**

Note: Some of the trucks used to collect recyclables look similar to regular trash trucks. Please be assured that the recyclables are sorted after collection and then delivered to the appropriate recycling site.