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# News Release

## Spring Cleanup Day postponed indefinitely for safety reasons

*Sub-freezing wind chills Saturday morning; e-recycling moved to 31<sup>st</sup> Century*

ARKANSAS CITY, Kan. (April 6, 2018) — After consulting with Emergency Management Coordinator Bob Frazee, the City of Arkansas City is postponing Spring Cleanup Day indefinitely for safety reasons.

The event was set to run from 8 a.m. to noon Saturday. The wind chill at 8 a.m. is expected to be a dangerous 10 degrees and still will be around 25 degrees at 11 a.m. The air temperature is not predicted to rise above freezing until 11 a.m. or noon. In addition, there is a chance of wintry precipitation tonight.

“We appreciate all the volunteers who indicated they’re still willing to help, but we could not in good conscience ask them to work in such dangerously cold weather,” said City Manager Nick Hernandez.

Spring Cleanup Day may be rescheduled later, but a date will not be set any earlier than the next Beautification and Tree Advisory Board meeting, which will be at 4 p.m. April 26 in Hernandez’s office.

In the meantime, Spring Cleanup Week still will continue as planned next week throughout the city, in conjunction with normal trash pickup, according to Public Information Officer Andrew Lawson.

“We encourage people to spend Spring Cleanup Week by cleaning up their yards and properties, as well as helping their neighbors,” Lawson said. “Every small contribution makes our city a little cleaner.”

As part of Spring Cleanup Week, electronic waste recycling still will be offered Saturday at 31<sup>st</sup> Century Techsupport, located at 107 W. Central Ave. Store hours are from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., but owner Gareth McGee will accept any electronic waste starting at 8 a.m. Saturday.

### Spring Cleanup Week details

Spring Cleanup Week will coincide with the regularly scheduled refuse collection days for each part of Arkansas City. City crews will pick up non-household trash and debris from Monday through Friday.

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Items suitable for pickup should be bundled, boxed, bagged or tied, and must not exceed 50 pounds in weight. For items that exceed 50 pounds, special arrangements can be made by calling the Public Works Department at (620) 441-4480 prior to your scheduled pickup day.

Old appliances without Freon and furniture will be picked up in reasonable quantities. City crews also will pick up **ONE** appliance that contains Freon, such as a refrigerator or freezer, per household.

**Place household garbage and trash in your normal container pickup location by 6 a.m.**

Please do not place cleanup debris or trash in the gutter or in the ditch. Old trash containers need to be tagged or smashed before disposal. Items that **cannot** be accepted for pickup by City crews include:

- Loose leaves, brush or tree trimmings — these need to be taken to the F Street burn pit;
- Construction, remodeling or roofing materials;
- Electronic waste such as computers — these can be dropped off April 7 at Wilson Park;
- Concrete blocks, rocks or dirt;
- Quantities of iron, sheet metal and/or wire;
- Vehicles or car bodies and mechanical parts;
- Paint or chemicals of any kind. These items can be taken to the Cowley County Landfill.

Leaves, brush and tree trimmings will be accepted at the F Street burn pit from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday. The site is located on the east side of F Street, north of Chestnut Avenue and south of Linden Avenue.

For questions about what items can or cannot be accepted for pickup, please call (620) 441-4480.

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