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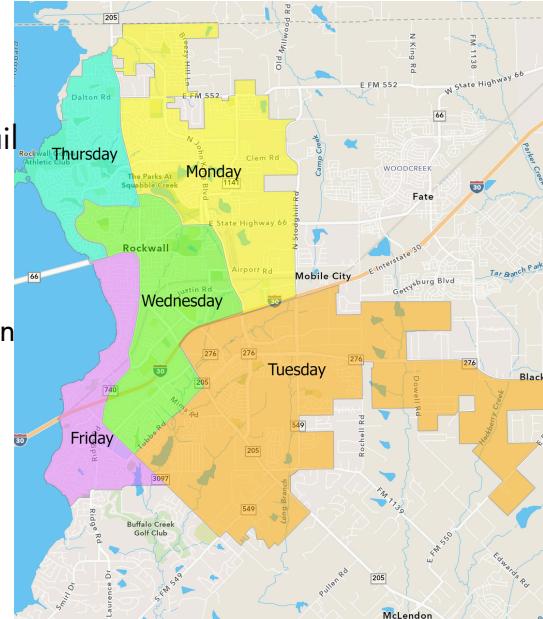


CHANGES TO GARBAGE, RECYCLING, BRUSH, AND BULK COLLECTION

Changes to garbage, recycling, brush, and bulk services take effect this month. As a reminder, www.rockwall.com, City social media channels, email updates, and direct mailers have additional information for residents to review.

- As of January 1, 2026, bulk and brush collection is limited to 6 cubic yards per pickup (about the size of 3 refrigerators side-by-side).
- Beginning January 12, 2026, garbage and recycling are collected **one** time per week. Check the updated schedule online for your new collection day.
 - By January 10, every household has received one garbage cart and one recycling cart, which are required for service.
 - Personal garbage carts and small recycling tubs are no longer emptied. Residents who wish to dispose of these items may place them at the curb with bulk waste during their assigned collection week. Please ensure carts are empty and marked "trash."

For collection schedules, service maps, and additional details, visit:
<https://www.rockwall.com/garbageupdates.asp>



3 ft. between carts, wheels to the curb



13 ft. clearance above carts



Bulk piles: 3x6x9 ft.

JOIN THE BUTTERFLY BRIGADE AND HELP ROCKWALL BLOOM

Did you know that Rockwall is home to eight vibrant Monarch waystations and native pollinator meadows? These thriving butterfly gardens are part of Rockwall's commitment to conservation and environmental stewardship through the National Wildlife Federation's Mayors' Monarch Pledge. At the heart of these efforts is the Butterfly Brigade, a dedicated group of volunteers who help plant, design, and maintain these gardens throughout our park system. From watering and weeding to choosing native plants that support migrating monarchs and local pollinators, their work plays a vital role in sustaining these habitats and ensuring Rockwall's gardens are enjoyed by residents and butterflies alike.

Current Butterfly Garden Locations:

•Breezy Hill	•Northshore Park
•Emerald Bay	•Pettinger Nature Preserve
•Harry Myers	•Stone Creek
•Hickory Ridge	•The Shores



The Brigade is always looking for new volunteers to join their mission. Interested in volunteering? Please contact Wendy Young, Parks Administrative Assistant at wyoung@rockwall.com to learn more and get involved.



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INTERSTATE 30 UPDATES

TxDOT's ongoing construction projects in Rockwall continue to bring major roadway improvements, including the widening of the I-30 bridges over John King Blvd. and FM 3549/Stodghill Rd. As part of this work, on-ramp closures and lane shifts are expected through the end of the year. Progress continues on the Horizon Rd. Bridge expansion, with traffic now on the new, eastside lanes and construction on the west side. Speed limits have been reduced to **35 MPH** on all frontage roads within the City limits. Residents and drivers should use extra caution when navigating these lanes and temporary business driveways in the area. Progress continues on the I-30 eastbound frontage road over the lake, with construction of drill shafts underway on the westbound side.

For up-to-date information on daily lane closures, please visit drivetexas.org
Sign up for text alerts at <https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/TXDOT/signup/35720>

SPOT A PROBLEM ON THE ROAD? REPORT IT WITH A CLICK!



Citizens can submit service requests through our online reporting system! Simply visit the Street Department's webpage to report issues like potholes, downed signs, clogged street drains, and more. Your submissions help us address concerns efficiently and keep our city streets in great condition. www.rockwall.com/streets_srvreq.asp



PET OF THE MONTH: MAISY

Meet Maisy, a stunning 4-year-old Pit Bull mix with a heart as big as her smile and a love for people that's even bigger! A dog test is recommended if you have other pets at home as she appears to be dog selective. Maisy is house trained, leash trained, and absolutely thrives on human company. Whether she's snuggled up on the couch or out enjoying a stroll, she's happiest right by your side. Maisy has been searching for her furever home for over 230 days and is now considered a Diamond Dog! Her adoption fee is \$75. She's spayed, microchipped, up to date on rabies and boosters, and heartworm negative. Ready for a best friend who'll fill your days with love and joy? Come meet Maisy and fall in love! Please fill out an application to come meet her!

Rockwall Animal Adoption Center
825 Airport Road (972) 771-7750 RockwallAdoptions.com

TRAVIS' TOOLBOX

While your landscape may be quiet, January is a great time for winter clean-up and early spring planning. Start by removing fallen leaves, branches, and debris to discourage pests and keep your yard tidy. Watch for winter weeds, which may require hand-pulling if pre-emergent wasn't applied in the fall. Now is also a good time to refresh mulch and cover tender plants if freezing temperatures are in the forecast. Begin first-quarter insect treatments this month to prepare for spring growth. And if you're considering upgrades like lawn leveling or new projects, now's the time to plan.

Don't forget, before starting home improvement projects, check whether a building permit is required from the City. Many common projects such as adding a deck, fence, roof replacement, accessory buildings, or other structural or mechanical changes, require a permit to ensure safety and compliance with city codes. Applying for the appropriate permit helps protect your investment and keeps our community safe. Visit the Building Inspections page for a complete list of residential projects that require a permit and details on how to apply: www.rockwall.com/buildinginspections_int.asp

TIPS FROM TRAVIS SALES,
DIRECTOR OF PARKS AND REC



Mark your Calendar

Daddy Daughter Dance - Jan. 24
The Hilton, 5pm-6:30pm or 7:30pm-9pm

Swim Lesson Registration Opens - March 1

Rockwall Baseball and Softball League
Games begin March 9

Spring Extravaganza - March 28
The Harbor, 1pm-4pm



Check out more events online
[https://www.rockwall.com/event_Calendar.asp](http://www.rockwall.com/event_Calendar.asp)