

Avoid Thanksgiving FOG: Keep fats, oils and grease out of the drain!

Don't be a turkey with your kitchen clean-up this holiday season! The City's Utilities Department is asking #Rtown to Cease the Grease this holiday season and avoid putting fats, oils and grease (FOG) down the drain. Did you know that most sewer clogs that happen during the holidays are caused by FOG? Improper disposal of fats, oils and grease from your holiday kitchen is a common mistake, but we've got you covered with everything you need to know to keep a visit from the plumber off your to do list.

Never dispose of cooking oils, grease, or food scraps in your kitchen sink or garbage disposal. These substances can congeal and block pipes, causing sewer back-ups. Who wants that problem at a holiday gathering? It's also a no-no to dump used cooking oil and grease outside in your yard or in ditches and storm drains. The grease and oil will be carried out to local waterways on the next rainy day causing a very not so merry mess for our local waterways and all the wildlife who call it home.



So what do you do with your unwanted cooking oil and grease?

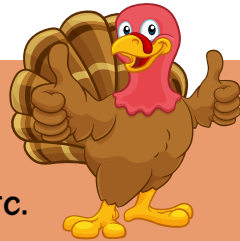
Follow these simple tips for safely disposing of used cooking oils:

FOR SMALL AMOUNTS OF OIL AND GREASE FROM FRYING BACON, COOKING MEAT, ETC.

Allow the oil/grease to cool but not harden.

Use an empty, heat-safe container, like a soup can, to collect cooled oil and grease. Cover the can securely and freeze.


Toss the can with the hardened oils away on your next trash collection day.



FOR LARGER AMOUNTS OF OIL USED FOR DEEP FRYING

There are a couple great options for disposing of large amounts of fryer oil.

- **Trash it!** Mix the cooking oil with unscented kitty litter, sawdust or sand to solidify the oil. Place solidified oil in a sealed container and place in the trash on your next collection day. Avoid scented or disinfectant types of kitty litter as they can react with the oil and cause a fire.
- **Drop it off!** If you have gallons of fryer oil to dispose of from frying a turkey, use the Fort Bend County Recycling Center on Blume Road for safe disposal.
- **Store it!** Oil can be kept for up to six months and reused for up to six hours of fry time. Strain the oil first, and then store in the freezer.



Fryer oil is not the only source of increased FOG going to sewers during the holidays. Many pre-prepared foods and food mixes contain some kind of fat, oil or grease. Salad dressings, butter, dairy products, even baked goods contain FOG. To keep FOG out of sewers, Utilities suggests scraping all food scraps from pots, pans, cooking utensils and dishes into the trash before washing or rinsing dishes!

Our offices will be closed on Thursday, Nov. 28 and Friday, Nov. 29 for Thanksgiving, but we are always ready to respond to water service emergencies 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. Call 832-595-3400 during business hours or 832-595-3700 for after hours emergency assistance.

Read more about the City's FOG program at rosenbergtx.gov/FOG.



OUR GOVERNMENT

The city of Rosenberg operates in a Council-Manager form of government in which the City Council sets the policy and overall direction for the City, and appoints a professional City Manager and other key officials to oversee the City's daily operations.

CITY COUNCIL

- Mayor: William Benton
- At-Large 1: Richard Olson
- At-Large 2: Jessica Jaramillo-Moreno
- District 1: Felix Vargas, Jr.
- District 2: Steve DeGregorio
- District 3: Hector Trevino (Mayor Pro Tem)
- District 4: George A. Zepeda

CITY MANAGER

John Maresh

MEETINGS

City Council meets regularly in public session the first, third and fourth Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. The meeting agendas are available on the City's website. Council meetings may also be viewed live on Comcast Channel 16 or on the City's website at: rosenbergtx.gov/TV.

MISSION STATEMENT

To provide exceptional services that create and sustain a safe, livable and vibrant community.

VISION STATEMENT

Building a better tomorrow together by cultivating a City that is financially strong, with a thriving economy, quality infrastructure and dynamic culture.

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

- Animal Control
 - 832-595-3490
- Citizen Relations
 - 832-595-3301
- Customer Service (Utilities)
 - 832-595-3400
- Police Dispatch (Non-Emergency)
 - 832-595-3700
- GFL Environmental (Solid Waste)
 - 832-271-5187
 - cityofrosenberg@gflenv.com



SHOP SMALL CRAWL

Saturday, Nov. 30 ★ 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Sidewalk Sales in Historic Downtown Rosenberg
SHOP SMALL SATURDAY

HOLIDAY SOLID WASTE COLLECTION SCHEDULE

THANKSGIVING DAY - 11/28/2024
 No pick-up Thursday, Nov. 28.
 Thursday's pick-up will be on Monday, Dec. 2.
 Regular schedule Friday, Nov. 29.

CHRISTMAS DAY - 12/25/2024
 No recycling on Wednesday, Dec. 25.
 Recycling will be picked up on Saturday, Dec. 28.
 No change to solid waste collection.

NEW YEARS DAY - 1/1/2025
 No recycling on Wednesday, Jan. 1.
 Recycling will be picked up on Saturday, Jan. 4.
 No change to solid waste collection.

These 4 little turkeys would make a great addition to your Thanksgiving gathering this year! We can't guarantee they won't steal some mashed potatoes though! Cadence loves playing with other dogs, but she isn't a big fan of cats. She also LOVES kids. Jenkins is the definition of a cuddle bug who loves being held and he isn't too interested in toys or treats. Petunia is the sweetest little couch potato, but she loves to play fetch. Vader is a young Jedi in training: adorable, a bit clumsy and full of energy. He's only 20lbs. now but is going to be a big boy! Call the Rosenberg Animal Control and Shelter at 832-595-3490 to make these pups a special part of your family!

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V **J**

Cadence
 Jenkins
 Petuna
 Vader



MUNICIPAL COURTS WEEK | NOV. 4-8, 2024

Every November the City recognizes our Municipal Court Team made up of the municipal judge, court clerks, court administrator, prosecutor and bailiffs for the important role they play in our community. It's not an easy job and you may not get to meet them on your best day, but the City is thankful for our hard working staff and appreciate the job they do. A citation can be scary, but it doesn't have to be. We're here to help! Here's a few helpful tips on what you can expect when you visit Rosenberg's Municipal Court:

- PLAN AHEAD:** Make arrangements to attend court on your specific court date. The Court is located at City Hall: 2110 4th St., Rosenberg, TX 77471
- WHAT TO BRING:** Driver's License or ID; Current Insurance; Insurance information from the time when the ticket was received.
- WHAT TO WEAR:** NO torn or dirty clothes, shorts, hats, flip-flops, sunglasses, low-cut shirts, pajamas or clothes with obscene graphics or language. Business casual attire is appreciated.
- COURT ETIQUETTE:** Arrive on time; Turn off electronic devices including cell phones before entering the courtroom; Be polite to the Judge, Counsel & Staff; Rise when the Judge enters and leaves the courtroom; Do not interrupt others while they are speaking; Refer to the Judge as "Your Honor"; Direct all concerns and remarks to the Judge (and not opposing counsel).
- MISSED YOUR COURT DATE OR NEED MORE INFORMATION?** Call 832-595-3450 or visit rosenbergtx.gov/municipal-court

Did You Know? You can help shelter pets by including a monthly donation as part of your water bill? You also now have the option to direct where your contribution will be spent. Visit the website for details or call the shelter at 832-595-3490.



ROSENBERG DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Village Crossing welcomes major retailers, medical clinics, and restaurants to Rosenberg!

Village Crossing, a 108-acre mixed use development located off I-69/US 59 near FM 2218 in Rosenberg, is welcoming their latest retailer, Rooms To Go. Rooms To Go is an American furniture retailer that offers a variety of furniture pieces and packages at a value. The new Rosenberg location will be announcing an opening date soon and will be located near the newly constructed Cavender's and Vida Mariscos.

Village Crossing plans to welcome additional commercial development, including Urban Air Adventure Park, Amegy Bank, Texana Center, a medical plaza and full-service restaurant in the near future. The development has pad sites available for an assortment of new commercial businesses to accommodate the growing Rosenberg population.

"Rosenberg is exploding with new residential communities with over 8,000 acres recently announced in the surrounding area," Jennifer Raymond, broker for Village Crossing stated. "This has created a great demand for retail, entertainment and medical uses to serve the western region of Fort Bend County and Wharton County. The Fort Bend Epicenter will also be attracting more people to this part of the region, so it is an excellent place to provide services to the visitors as well."

In December of 2017, a performance agreement between Village Crossing, LLC, and the Rosenberg Development Corporation (RDC) was approved. Per the agreement, the RDC contributed funds for the public infrastructure including the extension of Airport Avenue to the I-69 frontage road.

Raymond further explains, *"Village Crossing has excellent access on and off of US 59 without stopping at a traffic light. Airport Avenue has opened up a new thoroughfare to access the heart of Rosenberg with this connection to FM 2218. Frontage sites are still available for sale on both US 59, FM 2218 & Airport Avenue. We only have a few pad sites remaining."*

Announcements for new commercial developments in Village Crossing are expected to be shared soon.

For more information regarding this development, please contact the Rosenberg Development Corporation at 832-595-3330, email RDC@rosenbergtx.gov or visit the website at rosenbergedc.com.



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UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Visit rosenbergtx.gov to confirm meetings and agendas, view public notices, see more information on events and more!

- 11/5/2024 City Council Meeting (City Hall) 6:30 p.m.
- 11/9/2024 Fall Fest and Chili Cook-Off (Historic Downtown) 2-6 p.m.
- 11/11/2024 Veteran's Day - City Offices Closed
- 11/19/2024 City Council Meeting (City Hall) 6:30 p.m.
- 11/26/2024 City Council Workshop Meeting - CANCELED
- 11/28/2024 Thanksgiving Holidays - City Offices Closed
- 11/29/2024
- 11/30/2024 Shop Small Crawl (Historic Downtown) 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
- 12/3/2024 City Council Meeting (City Hall) 6:30 p.m.
- 12/7/2024 Hometown Holiday Festival (Historic Downtown) 12-8 p.m.
- 12/17/2024 City Council Meeting (City Hall) 6:30 p.m.
- 12/24/2024 City Council Workshop Meeting - CANCELED
- 12/24/2024 Christmas Holidays - City Offices Closed
- 12/25/2024

