

# ROCKWALL CITY NEWS

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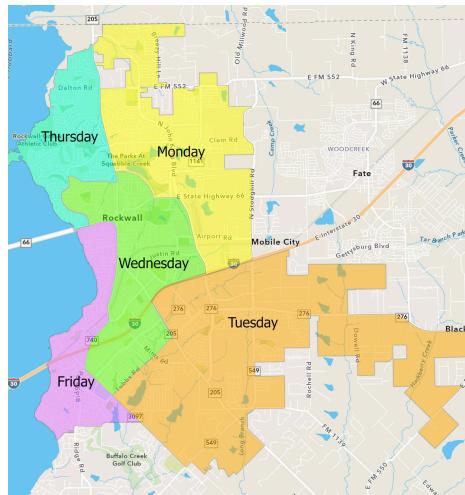
## CHANGES TO GARBAGE, RECYCLING, BRUSH, AND BULK COLLECTION

Changes to garbage, recycling, brush, and bulk services are now in effect. As a reminder, [www.rockwall.com](http://www.rockwall.com), City social media channels, email updates, and direct mailers have additional information for residents to review.

Effective January 12, 2026

- All residents should check the new schedule map to see their new collection day
- Garbage and recycling will be collected **one time** per week
- Only Republic Services supplied carts will be emptied. Garbage: blue cart with black lid. Recycling: blue cart with light blue lid
- Garbage and recycling carts must be out by 7:00 a.m. of your collection day
- Carts should be 3 feet apart and away from other objects and each other
- All materials must fit inside the cart with the lid fully closed
- If you have old rental Republic Services carts, small recycling bins, or personal garbage cans that you no longer want, place them in your bulk pile (in front of your home, not in the alley) during your designated bulk week and make sure they are labeled "trash"

Check [www.rockwall.com](http://www.rockwall.com) for complete information, timelines, and FAQs.



	2025 Rates	Approved 2026 Rates
Residential Garbage and Recycling	\$21.38 per month plus \$1.77 sales tax = \$23.15	\$25.00 per month plus \$2.06 sales tax = \$27.06
Additional Cart Rental	\$4.62 per month plus \$.39 sales tax = \$5.01	\$5.00 per month plus \$.41 sales tax = \$5.41
Household Hazardous Waste	\$1.12	\$1.14

Sign up for online bill pay: <https://rockwalltx.municipalonlinepayments.com/rockwalltx/utilities>

## TEMPORARY CHANGE IN WATER DISINFECTANT

The North Texas Municipal Water District (NTMWD) will implement its annual temporary change in water disinfectant beginning in March for approximately one month. This routine maintenance ensures water quality and safety by using chlorine-only disinfection during this period. Residents may notice a slight change in taste or smell, but the water remains safe to drink and use. The process, required by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, includes ongoing testing to meet safety standards. Certain groups, such as dialysis patients, aquatic animal owners, etc., may consider taking necessary precautions. For more details, visit <https://www.ntmwd.com/195/Temporary-Change-in-Disinfectant>

## CITY COUNCIL ELECTIONS MAY 2, 2026

The City of Rockwall will hold its City Council elections on Saturday, May 2, 2026. Positions up for election include City Council Places 2, 4, and 6. These roles are vital in providing leadership, shaping policies, and engaging with the community to maintain Rockwall's high quality of life.

Residents must be registered to vote by April 2, 2026 to participate in this election. Early voting begins on April 20, 2026, and ends on April 28, 2026. For more information on voter registration and polling locations, please visit the Rockwall County Elections Department website at <https://www.rockwallvotes.com/>



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# INTERSTATE 30 UPDATES

TxDOT's ongoing construction projects in Rockwall continue to bring major roadway improvements. Along the eastbound frontage road at the lake, crews are working on bridge decks and will soon begin constructing the approaches and railings. On the westbound side, crews have completed the drill shafts and columns in the lake and are now moving forward with substructure work and preparing for deck pours.

At Horizon Road, bridge beams for the next phase of construction are scheduled to be set soon. At Ridge Road, crews are building retaining walls and extending the substructure to support the bridge widening. Over on John King Blvd, crews have been prepping for deck pour.

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

## VISIT ROCKWALL TRANSITIONS TO CITY OF ROCKWALL

The City of Rockwall is pleased to announce that Visit Rockwall, the official Convention and Visitors Bureau for the Rockwall area, has officially transitioned to the City of Rockwall. Previously housed within the Rockwall Area Chamber of Commerce, this change brings Visit Rockwall into closer alignment with City operations and long-term planning efforts. As part of the transition, Jodi Willard will continue serving as Rockwall's Tourism Manager. Willard has led Visit Rockwall for the past 2.5 years and previously spent more than six years with the Conroe Convention and Visitors Bureau. Visit Rockwall will continue its mission to promote Rockwall, support local hospitality partners, and drive tourism-related revenue while strengthening collaboration across City departments. The City remains committed to positioning Rockwall as a welcoming, vibrant destination in North Texas. Check out more at <https://www.visitrockwall.com/>



### PET OF THE MONTH: TONY

Meet Tony, an approximately 1-year-old Boxer/Catahoula mix with a million-dollar smile and a goofy sense of humor. He was found in town in June 2025 and no one came to reclaim him. Tony loves people, enjoys meeting new friends, and greets the world with a constantly wagging tail. If you have another dog, a meet and greet is encouraged to make sure their play styles and personalities are a good match. Tony has been waiting over 225 days for his forever home, which has earned him Diamond Dog status and a reduced adoption fee of just \$75. He is neutered, microchipped, up to date on his rabies and core vaccinations, and heartworm negative. If you're looking for a happy, outgoing, affectionate companion who will be your sidekick, your entertainment, and your best friend all rolled into one, Tony is your guy. Apply online to come meet Tony!

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

[RockwallAdoptions.com](http://RockwallAdoptions.com)

## TRAVIS' TOOLBOX

February is the ideal time to prepare your landscape and equipment for the busy spring season ahead. Start by sharpening or replacing your mower blades and giving your mower some care with an oil change and a new air filter. Inspect your irrigation system thoroughly and make any needed repairs to ensure everything is in top shape when watering season arrives.

Before March 1st, focus on pruning your trees, cutting back ornamental grasses and perennial plants, and planting new trees and shrubs. Mid to late February is also the perfect time to apply a pre-emergent herbicide to prevent spring and summer weeds from taking over.

Remember that 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](http://www.rockwall.com/buildinginspections_int.asp)

TIPS FROM TRAVIS SALES,  
DIRECTOR OF PARKS AND REC



## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

**Swim Lesson Registration Opens - March 1**

**Rockwall Baseball and Softball League**  
Games begin March 9

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

**Founders Day Festival - May 16**

**Rockwall Farmers Market**  
Saturday Mornings, May-September

**Concert by the Lake series**  
Thursday Nights, May-October

**San Jacinto Music series**  
Friday and Saturday Nights, May-October



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