

CALENDAR ADVISORY

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Keeping Lancaster Beautiful!

Lancaster, TX – The City of Lancaster was founded in 1852, as a frontier post. It is one of the oldest communities in north central Texas. Being only 15 minutes from downtown Dallas, Lancaster enjoys the amenities of big city life while maintaining a home-town atmosphere. As it looks to the future, Lancaster has committed itself to become a clean and green city, providing a healthy and safe environment for its citizens. With this goal in mind, the city recently completed its 15th Semi-Annual Trash-Off supporting its commitment to Keep Lancaster Beautiful and the Great American Clean-up efforts. The city hosts two community-wide clean-up events each year, providing its residents an opportunity to discard unwanted items in an environmentally responsible manner.

City employees and community volunteers worked together over a six hour period to assist Lancaster residents in unloading their vehicles of unwanted trash. During the 2014 Spring Trash Off over 95 tons of mixed trash and debris were collected. The following are the estimates of materials collected: 600 tires, 5 tons of mixed metals, 90 tons of bulk waste, 6,000 pounds of electronic waste, 7,000 pounds of shredded documents, and 3 tons of brush.

The Trash Off events help build a sense of community and civic pride, and are a joint effort between city departments, local organizations, students and community stakeholders. These events provide an avenue to educate the public on how to prevent illegal dumping and good recycling practices. We would like to sincerely thank those who participated in the Spring Trash Off; because of your efforts, Lancaster is now an even cleaner, more environmentally-friendly place to live.

The City of Lancaster invites you to "like" the City on <u>Facebook</u>, follow us on <u>Twitter</u> or register for weekly e-mail alerts regarding upcoming events on our website at <u>www.lancaster-tx.com</u> by clicking on "Notify Me".