



01 DISPOSAL OF LEAVES

MULCHING, COMPOST ARE GOOD OPTIONS

Fall has arrived and many Tulsans are busy with yard work – perhaps mowing the grass for the last time before winter and taking care of leaves that are falling from the trees. It is important to remember during this time of year that lawn-mowing and leaf-raking debris should not be swept, blown or deposited in stormwater drains or in streams.

Leaves and grass clippings also should not be blown into the street, sidewalk, or ditch, where rainwater can carry them into storm sewers and streams. Yard wastes not only can block storm drains and cause flooding; also as they decompose, they can reduce the amount of oxygen in the water. Fish need oxygen to survive. Storm sewers in the city of Tulsa drain either to the Arkansas River or Bird Creek.

Here are other options for handling leaves and grass:

- **Mulch them with a lawn mower and leave on the yard, or add them to a compost pile. Choosing these options helps to return nutrients to the soil.**
- **Bag them and set out for pickup with your regular trash. See www.cityoftulsa.org/GW**
- **Take them to the City's mulch site at 2100 N. 145th East Ave.**

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Choose mulching or composting as alternatives for bagging leaves, grass.	Be careful with turkey fryers and dispose of fats, oils and grease properly.

+ PLUS: SALES TAX PROGRAMS

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The Sales Tax Overview Committee Summary Status Report is available. See completed projects and more.

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02 HOLIDAY SAFETY TIPS

HANDLE COOKING, GREASE PROPERLY

With the holiday season beginning in November, it's wise to remember safety when preparing holiday meals, and to dispose of grease while being kind to your sanitary sewer pipes.

While most cooks roast a turkey in the oven at Thanksgiving or Christmas, some have a craving for fried turkey. Operating a turkey fryer at home requires special precautions. The Tulsa Fire Department offers the following recommendations:

- **Use a turkey fryer outdoors at a safe distance from buildings and any other material that can burn.**
- **Make sure the fryer is on a flat surface to reduce accidental tipping.**
- **Never leave the fryer unattended. Keep children and pets away from the fryer.**
- **Use potholders or oven mitts when touching the fryer; wear safety goggles if you have them.**
- **Make sure the turkey is completely thawed.**
- **Keep an all-purpose fire extinguisher nearby. Never use water to extinguish a grease fire. If you cannot manage the fire with the extinguisher, immediately call 911 for help.**

After the holiday meal has been enjoyed, those on cleanup duty should dispose of grease properly. When food scraps are washed down the drain, fat and grease from the food can build up in sewer lines, causing raw sewage to back up. Avoid costly home plumbing bills by following these steps:

- **Trap meat drippings in a sealable container and toss in the trash.**
- **Scrape all food scraps in the compost or trash.**
- **Wipe all greasy, oily, creamy or buttery food residues from dishes before you wash them.**

Liquid cooking oils can be recycled at the City's Household Pollutant Collection Facility. Call (918) 591-4325 to arrange an appointment. For more information on proper disposal of fats, oils and grease, visit: www.trapthegreasetulsa.com

SALES TAX OVERVIEW COMMITTEE (STOC) SUMMARY STATUS REPORT

ON PROGRAMS MONITORED BY THE STOC

As of the close of City's Fiscal Year 2018-2019
(June 30, 2019)

Prepared by the City of Tulsa Finance Department
Approved by the Committee September 2019
Online: <http://bit.ly/cot-stoc>

SALES TAX PROGRAMS

2006 Sales Tax Program: In May 2006, voters approved the extension of the Third Penny Sales Tax Program authorizing \$463.5 million for capital projects in the City of Tulsa. The tax originally funded 130 projects in six major categories, including public safety, culture and recreation, economic and neighborhood development, sanitary sewer, flood control, streets and transportation, facilities renovation, and capital equipment. Collection of revenue ended in 2012.

<i>Appropriated:</i>	\$452.3 million
<i>Spent:</i>	\$430.4 million
<i>Under Contract:</i>	\$5.7 million

2008 Sales Tax Program (Fix Our Streets): In November 2008, voters authorized a temporary increase in the sales tax levy of one and two-twelfths percent (1.167%); to remain effective until June 30, 2014, with the expectation of collecting \$166.6 million to be used for the repair, construction, and reconstruction of streets, bridges, and related infrastructure.

<i>Appropriated:</i>	\$145.5 million
<i>Spent:</i>	\$141.1 million
<i>Under Contract:</i>	\$1.5 million

2014 Sales Tax Program (Improve Our Tulsa): In November 2013, voters authorized a temporary increase in the sales tax levy of one and one-tenth percent (1.1%); to remain effective until June 30, 2021, with the expectation of collecting \$565 million to be used for the repair, construction, and reconstruction of streets, bridges, and related infrastructure. Additionally, these funds will be used for repairs and expansion in other major categories, including public safety, culture and recreation, economic and neighborhood development.

<i>Appropriated:</i>	\$408.1 million
<i>Spent:</i>	\$206 million
<i>Under Contract:</i>	\$54.3 million

2017 Sales Tax & Advance Revenue Bond Program (Tulsa Vision Economic Development): In April 2016, voters authorized a temporary sales tax levy of a little over 3/10ths of a cent for the purpose of funding economic development projects within the City of Tulsa. The temporary tax will be in place for 15 years. The sales tax went into effect on Jan. 1, 2017 and will end on Dec. 31, 2031. The tax will fund over \$510.6 million in major capital projects across the city.

<i>Appropriated:</i>	\$300.9 million
<i>Spent:</i>	\$90.8 million
<i>Under Contract:</i>	\$88.1 million

GENERAL OBLIGATION (GO) BOND PROGRAMS

2008 General Obligation Bond Issues (Citywide Streets Package): In November 2008, voters approved a \$285 million GO Bond.

<i>Appropriated:</i>	\$285 million
<i>Spent:</i>	\$255.7 million
<i>Under Contract:</i>	\$4.4 million

2014 General Obligation Bond Issues (Citywide Streets Package): In November 2013, voters approved a \$355 million GO Bond.

<i>Appropriated:</i>	\$205 million
<i>Spent:</i>	\$112.9 million
<i>Under Contract:</i>	\$27.3 million

SUMMARY: The STOC is pleased to report to the citizens of Tulsa that voted projects have either been completed as promised, are in the process of being completed, or are awaiting the availability of funds prior to beginning the project. In a few cases, the voted project has been eliminated or materially changed. The Committee is satisfied that the changes were prompted by valid engineering, budgetary or regulatory reasons not known when the project was presented to the electorate and, in each such case, those monies were appropriated to a similar project. All such changes have been approved by the Mayor and/or City Council as required by the relevant ordinances/

**<https://www.cityoftulsa.org/government/departments/finance/sales-tax-overview-committee>*

SALES TAX OVERVIEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS

(As of: June 30, 2019)

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