

# 01 PREPAREDNESS IS KEY

## PLAN FOR FLOODS OR OTHER DISASTERS

September is National Preparedness Month, and everyone should have an emergency plan in case of flooding or other disasters. It's wise to assemble an emergency kit and have it ready if you need to evacuate. For more information about an emergency plan and emergency kit, visit: [www.ready.gov/make-a-plan](http://www.ready.gov/make-a-plan) and [www.ready.gov/build-a-kit](http://www.ready.gov/build-a-kit)

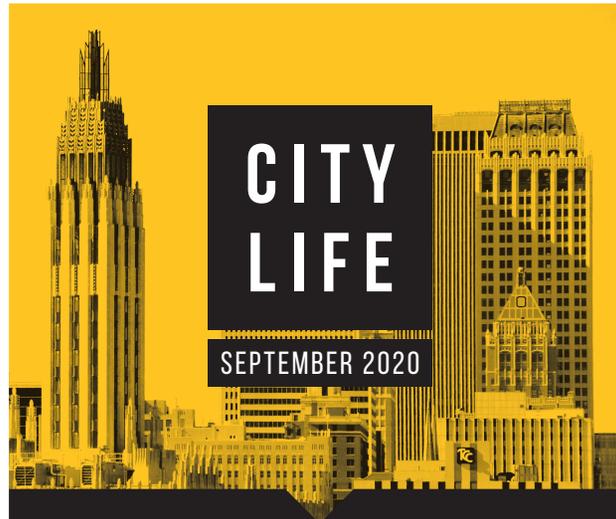
Be alert when storms approach. Access local news stations and follow weather updates. Listen for emergency sirens. In Tulsa, the flood siren will be an alternating high-low tone; the tornado siren will be a steady, one-note tone.

The tornado siren is activated when the National Weather Service issues a tornado warning including the City of Tulsa, and/or the National Weather Service forecasts 80-mile-per-hour winds within 30 minutes of the City of Tulsa. Upon hearing the tornado warning/high wind siren, citizens should seek shelter immediately and continue to monitor weather radios and the broadcast media for further information.

The flood siren is activated when the National Weather Service issues a flood warning for the City of Tulsa, and/or flooding of creeks or river channels has been verified and structures are threatened. Upon hearing the flood sirens, citizens should immediately move to higher ground and monitor weather radios and the broadcast media for further information. During any flood or high-water event, motorists should avoid driving through flood waters, and remember to "Turn Around, Don't Drown."

Know your risk of flooding. To find out if your home or business is in a floodplain, check maps available at <http://maps.cityoftulsa.org/floodplains>. The City of Tulsa has a 40% discount on flood insurance for properties in a Special Flood Hazard Area, and a 10% discount for other properties.

City stormwater engineers are available to visit your property and give recommendations on how to improve drainage. They also will explain why you need flood insurance. For more information, contact the Customer Care Center at 311 or (918) 596-7777 (outside city limits).



## IN THIS EDITION OF CITY LIFE

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### 03 SAVE OUR STREAMS

Never flush medications down toilets; trace amounts get into our streams.

### + PLUS: TULSA PARKS WANTS YOUR COMMENTS, IDEAS

### 02 GOPASS FOR BUS RIDES

App for Apple or Android makes paying for transit easy in Tulsa, Dallas.

### 04 POLLUTANT DISPOSAL

Make an appointment to bring household chemicals to collection facility.

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## 02 GOPASS FOR TRANSIT

### TULSA, DALLAS LAUNCH PARTNERSHIP

Tulsa Transit and Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART) have launched a partnership to make riding the bus easier and more convenient in both cities with the GoPass. Like the PikePass for Oklahoma and Texas turnpikes, the GoPass allows customers to use their account funds in both the Tulsa and Dallas areas.

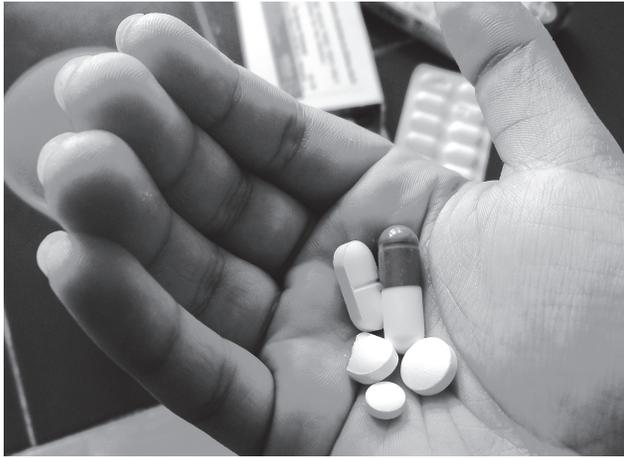
The GoPass is an app that allows transit passengers to purchase bus fare on their Apple or Android phones. The app's goal is to provide passengers with an easy and quick way to pay.

Debit or credit card information can be stored in the GoPass app, to allow payment with just a few touches. Tickets are housed in the app's wallet; users can just open the app and show an activated ticket to the bus driver. Users can select favorites to easily make repeat purchases.

GoPass not only provides a simple way to pay and ride, but it also helps riders to get to where they need to go. GoPass users can enter their destination, and the app will give them options for the most efficient route, with real time information on a bus's location.

Tulsa Transit is excited to bring this new technology to the Tulsa region.

Download the app for free in the app store on an Apple or Android phone.



### 03 SAVE OUR STREAMS

#### NEVER FLUSH MEDS DOWN TOILETS

Proper disposal of unused medications benefits people's health and the environment. Unused or expired prescription medications are a public safety issue, leading to accidental poisoning, overdose and abuse. The non-medical use of prescription drugs ranks second only to marijuana as the most common form of drug abuse in America.

Medications should not be left around the house, available for possible misuse by family members. Also, medications should not be flushed down toilets. Our wastewater treatment plants are not designed to remove the chemicals found in medications, so trace amounts of these drugs are discharged into local streams. Long-term exposure to these chemicals can harm aquatic wildlife.

In Tulsa, options are available for properly disposing of prescription drugs. These include:

- **Drop off medications at one of the following stations, any time of the year, Monday through Friday.**
  - Tulsa Police Gilcrease Division, 3436 N. Delaware Ave., 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.
  - Tulsa Police Mingo Valley Division, 10122 E. 11th St., 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.
  - Tulsa Police Riverside Division, 7515 S. Riverside Dr., 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.
  - Tulsa County Sheriff – 303 W. First St., 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.
- **Walgreens locations including 7111 S. Lewis Ave., 11332 E. 31st St., and 1714 Utica Square.**

### IMPROVE OUR PARKS

#### SEEKING TULSANS' IDEAS, COMMENTS

**Tulsa Parks wants to know what you want in YOUR parks!**

What improvements would make the parks you love even better? What attracts you to neighborhood parks – play equipment? Walking trails? Landscaping? Or something else? Are there great park features you've seen in other communities that you would like to see in Tulsa? Or do you just have ideas in general that would help us to be better?

Help us answer these questions! Over the next few months, Tulsa Parks will be engaging Tulsans to get input on how we can make City of Tulsa parks better for you and your family. This information will help us prioritize taxpayers' investments and will help shape a renewed Parks Master Plan to focus efforts for the next five years.

We had originally hoped to hold a series of town hall meetings around the city to hear from you in person. Since that isn't safe right now, we are going to be looking at different ways to reach out to the community – through online surveys, email, a phone hotline, and more. Additionally, this fall, you'll have the chance to join in live Zoom online meetings, with City Councilors from each district joining us to focus on each area's needs and priorities.

To get more information about upcoming meetings and find other ways you can give your input to improve city parks, please visit: [www.cityoftulsa.org/letstalktulsaparks](http://www.cityoftulsa.org/letstalktulsaparks) Help us make sure Tulsa has the world-class park system it deserves!



### 04 POLLUTANT DISPOSAL

#### BRING CHEMICALS TO CITY FACILITY

Tulsans can safely rid their homes of chemicals and potentially hazardous items. Many of the chemicals we have in our households could be considered hazardous if used or disposed of in an improper way. The City of Tulsa's Household Pollutant Collection Facility provides a safe method for disposal of these items. The facility at 4502 S. Galveston Ave. is **open by appointment only** on Wednesdays and Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., except on City holidays. To make an appointment, call (918) 591-4325.

Tulsa residents may dispose of pollutants free at the facility. Disposal fees may apply for non-Tulsa residents bringing more than 45 pounds. The Swap Shop remains closed at the present time.

The Household Pollutant Collection Facility is open for residential customers but not businesses disposing of commercial wastes. For more information about household pollutant disposal in Tulsa, see [www.cityoftulsa.org/resourcerecovery](http://www.cityoftulsa.org/resourcerecovery)

#### ACCEPTED ITEMS:

- Oil-based paints and thinners
- Latex paint
- Automotive fluids
- Flammable liquids
- Fluorescent and CFL lightbulbs
- Cooking oil/grease
- Aerosols, household cleaners
- Household and car batteries
- Pool and lawn chemicals
- Small electronics, mercury thermostats

#### NON-ACCEPTED ITEMS:

- Industrial or commercial waste
- Medical or biomedical waste (syringes, needles)
- Asbestos
- Food or organic waste
- Radioactive material
- Ammunition, explosives
- Tires
- Unknown materials or substances