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# News Release

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## Fall Clean & Green event set for Oct. 17 in Little Elm *Coinciding with Arbor Day, young trees to be distributed*

LITTLE ELM (September 28, 2015) Rounding up all of the unwanted chemicals, fertilizers, solvents, old tires, unwanted electronics, and documents to be shredded, Little Elm residents can plan on dropping these off at the fall Clean & Green event on Oct. 17, says Kevin Mattingly.

“We’ve scheduled the fall version of our clean up event for the third Saturday in October,” he said. “As before, we will be setting up in a drive-through, drop-off configuration to make it easier and faster for our participants.”

The event is held at the Public Works Service Center, 1600 Mark Tree Lane and will begin at 8 a.m. and conclude at noon. The event is limited to Little Elm residents, who should bring a copy of their water bill to ensure eligibility. There is no charge for the service.

In addition, since the Town is celebrating Arbor Day on Oct. 17, participants who bring material for recycling or proper disposal will be offered a tree suitable for planting on their property. Sponsored by the Keep Little Elm Beautiful campaign, the tree give-away will continue while supplies last.

“We traditionally celebrate Arbor Day on the third Saturday of October because fall is the optimal time to plant trees in this area,” said Mattingly. “The combination of favorable soil temperatures and emerging moderate temperatures allows roots to grow and expand, and the slightly cooler temperatures decrease stress on the young trees.” This results in the trees having a better chance of long-term health. Fall plantings also give the trees more time to prepare for the cold of winter and heat of the following summer.

Unlike previous Clean & Green events, however, the fall version will not accept bulky trash items, brush, branches, clippings, and loose metal. These items can be dropped off at the Little Elm Courtesy Drop Site during its hours of operation, Fridays from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. and Saturdays and Sundays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Courtesy Drop Site will open on Oct. 17 at noon for precisely those items and other debris.

Clean & Green participants will be allowed to enter the Service Center on the Mark Tree Lane side and travel through the facility driveway stopping at the appropriate drop-off points for 1) tire recycling, 2) electronic recycling, 3) document shredding and recycling, and 4) hazardous household waste disposal. Vehicles will exit the same way they entered. A map of the route is available at [www.littleelm.org/cleanandgreen/map](http://www.littleelm.org/cleanandgreen/map).

“It will be beneficial for residents to place their material in some kind of order so that they can drive up to the different stations we’ve set up and drop off the material, then drive to the next one,” he said. “That gives us the ability to keep traffic moving in an orderly and trouble-free fashion.

Staff personnel will be available to help, but residents should keep their safety and the safety of Town personnel in mind. Items should not be heavier than can be easily handled by two people.

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**ABOUT LITTLE ELM** – Little Elm is one of the state’s fastest growing communities. Nestled on the shores of Lake Lewisville, the Town was incorporated in 1966, adopting the Council/Manager form of government. The population increased dramatically over the last several years, growing from under 4,000 in 2000 to over 30,000 today. Little Elm’s population exceeds the state average in education and income, and is increasingly trending younger and technologically proficient. The Town’s footprint is just over 21 square miles and boasts some 66 linear miles of shoreline within its boundaries.