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Fall Clean & Green event set for Oct. 15 in Little Elm *Trees, shrubs to be distributed for Arbor Day*

LITTLE ELM (October 3, 2016) In keeping with what has become a sustainability tradition, Little Elm has scheduled the annual fall Clean & Green recycling event for the third Saturday in October.

“Residents are invited to bring their unwanted chemicals, fertilizers, solvents, old tires, unwanted electronics, and documents to be shredded to the Public Works Service Center,” says Kevin Mattingly, Public Works Director. The event is presented through the sponsorship of CoServ.

Gently-used clothing and small household items will be set aside for the “Recycle 2 Support” program. The resale of these items will eventually benefit the Little Elm Food Bank and Operation Kindness.

The Center will accept these materials on Saturday, Oct. 15 from 8 a.m. to noon in the usual drive-through, drop-off configuration. The Public Works Service Center is located at 1600 Mark Tree Lane. Limited to Little Elm residents, eligibility will be verified by a copy of a water bill, and there is no charge for the service.

In addition, since the Town is celebrating Arbor Day on Oct. 15, participants who bring material for recycling or proper disposal will be offered a tree or shrub suitable for planting on their property. Sponsored by the Keep Little Elm Beautiful campaign, the tree and shrub 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. “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.”

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 and shrubs.

During the Clean & Green event, the Center 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. 15 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.

“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 fashion.”

Staff personnel will be available to help, but 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.