

# DISCOVER



## Quick Facts

### Amwaste Guidelines

#### What are my pickup dates?

Find out [here](#).

#### 1st pickup of the week:

- Everything collected is sent to the landfill.
- This includes bagged leaves & yard clippings. Please put as much as possible in the cart. Extra items should be placed beside the cart.

#### 2nd pickup of the week:

- Everything collected is sent to Repower South for recycling.
- There's no need to sort your items.
- Do NOT include yard clippings or bagged leaves on the second pick up.
- Here are two videos that explain the Repower process:
  - [Repower Robotics](#)
  - [Repower Montgomery](#)

## QUESTIONS ANSWERED

### Yard Debris & Bulk Pickup FAQ

The City of Pelham is four months into the new agreement with Amwaste for trash collection and bulk pickup. From what we've heard, the majority of residents are very pleased with the quality of service Amwaste provides. Because some of the guidelines for pickup are different from what we're accustomed to, we took some of our residents' most common questions to Rick Sweeney and Randy Lee from Amwaste for answers.

Q: "Will there be a bi-annual opportunity for heavy trash pickup this year?"

A: Instead of two specific days per year, bulk waste is picked up year-round. "There are two types of bulk waste. In industry-speak, we call it 'brown/white' waste and 'green waste,'" said Sweeney. "The brown/white bulk waste includes items such as furniture, mattresses, washer/dryers, etc. For those, we ask that a request be made through the City of Pelham Request Tracker. After the request is made, we will then schedule a pickup within two business days. The second type of bulk waste is large green waste piles, including limbs, large amounts of bagged leaves, etc. These pickups require the knuckle boom truck. These items are picked up on a 10-day cycle."

Q: "For a few bags of leaves, do I have to schedule a pickup through the Request Tracker?"

A: "Not for a few bags of leaves, grass clippings, and small bundles of limbs (less than two cubic yards, and each item no heavier than 50 pounds). We ask that you fill your trash cart with as much as it can hold. Any additional bags should be placed beside the trash cart," said Lee.

Q: "Why do I need to place my items at the curb before I request a bulk waste pickup?"

A: Sweeney explained, "There are two reasons: First, when we receive the request, there's a good chance we may have drivers in the area and can dispatch them immediately or by the end of the day. Second, we may be on our 10-day cycle in the area and can gather the items as we pick up the large green waste bulk piles. That's why it's important to already have the items on the curb. Also, pickup requests are managed first thing the next morning, if not the same day. The request will be honored no later than the second business day (brown/white waste) from when the request is made.



## City Hall Upgrades

Renovations are progressing at Pelham City Hall, and city leaders expect the \$4.4 million dollar project will be completed sometime this fall. Workers have finished the interior demolition, and framing is complete on the main level. On the lower level, structural modifications are in progress.

The original building, which dates back to 1974, was expanded in 1987. Acting City Engineer Chris Cousins said some of the challenges workers have faced are typical of older buildings that have been modified over the years. "Existing systems like plumbing and mechanical have to be relocated and modified to accommodate a new interior layout and building use. This can create a challenge when existing systems vary from the original construction plans."

Andr  Bittas, Director of Development Services and Public Works said the biggest benefit to Pelham residents will be the ease of having most city services and staff housed in one building. He also said the public can expect new City Council chambers, and a conference room designed for workshops, public meetings, and community events.

## Fire Station No. 3 Fully Operational

Firefighters and residents alike are happy the new Fire Station No. 3 is now fully operational. With the relocation to the \$2.5 million dollar facility, strategically located on County Road 11 and CR 334, Pelham Fire Chief Mike Reid said residents can expect two major benefits. "We have seen tremendous growth in the County Road 11 and County Road 36 areas, and this will help us serve those citizens better with quicker response times. Many of these homes were farther than five miles from the old Fire Station 3. This means homeowners paid a higher insurance premium because of the distance. Moving Fire Station 3 down County Road 11 will put most of our residences within five miles and will yield a better premium."

At over 13,200 square feet, the new station will have room to house specialty equipment, in addition to the engine company. A brush truck, hazmat unit, and foam trailer can be easily stored in the four double-length bays. "The personnel at this station also perform service on our SCBAs (self-contained breathing apparatus), gas monitors, and hazmat equipment. They need a large space for these duties. We have room to grow at this station," said Reid.

Construction was delayed at times due to supply chain issues. The new station opened on April 18th.



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