



Georgetown Reporter



Shelter maintains no-kill status

With a save rate of **93.9** percent for the fiscal year that ended Sept. 30, Georgetown Animal Shelter has been able to maintain its status as a no-kill shelter for the ninth year in a row. Shelters with a live outcome rate above 90 percent are considered no-kill shelters.

Factors in the live outcome rate include a high rate of animal adoptions, the invaluable support of foster families, and increased counseling about rehoming.

Other notable milestones for the 2023 fiscal year include:

- **17.7** percent of animals returned to their owners, including 224 dogs and 18 cats
- **54.3** percent of animals adopted, including 407 dogs and 306 cats

The Georgetown Animal Shelter is located at 110 W.L. Walden Drive. Contact the shelter at 512-930-3592, animalsvc@georgetown.org, or online at pets.georgetown.org.

Recycle Christmas trees, lights, and boxes

City of Georgetown residents are encouraged to recycle Christmas trees, boxes, string lights, and wrapping paper to reduce material going to the landfill. If you recycle your tree, please remove the stand, and garland, ornaments, and lights.

Christmas tree curbside pick-up:

Texas Disposal Systems customers in the city limits can put Christmas trees on the curb for pickup on your regular yard trimmings collection day. Trees seven feet in length or shorter can be placed at the curb uncut. Longer trees should be cut into sections. Trees must be free of all decorations, including lights, tinsel, and ornaments. No artificial trees will be accepted.



Christmas treedrop-off: From Jan. 2-31 Christmas trees will be accepted at the City of Georgetown Transfer Station, 250 W.L. Walden Drive, at no charge. Artificial trees are not accepted. Normal fees apply to other items. Recycled Christmas trees are turned into mulch, which is available, year-round, free-of-charge to City residents.

Boxes, string lights, and wrapping paper: Cardboard boxes and wrapping paper are recyclable. If they won't fit in your recycling cart, you can put wrapping paper and boxes in a larger box and set it next to your cart for pickup. Ribbons and bows are not recyclable. Cellophane wrap and plastic bags are recyclable if they are placed in a yellow bag-the-bag, tied, and placed inside the recycling cart. Extra plastic bags next to your trash cart are not permitted without a bag tag. String lights can be dropped off at several locations around the City to be recycled.

Go to recycle.georgetown.org for more information.

Holiday Closings

CITY OFFICES AND FACILITY CLOSURES

City offices and facilities will be closed Monday, Jan. 1, for New Year's Day and Jan. 15 for Martin Luther King Jr. Day. There is no solid waste and recycling pickup Jan. 1, collections slide one day that week; however, there will be regular solid waste and recycling pickup Jan. 15.



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Protect your people, pets, pipes, and plants this winter

In Central Texas, overnight temperatures can dip below freezing throughout the winter. Here are ways to keep your people, pets, pipes, and plants from freezing.

People should stay inside with the heat to keep warm. If you have to go outside, dress in layers and wear a hat and gloves. Be sure to check in with family, friends, and neighbors.

Pets, such as cats and dogs, need access to an unfrozen water source and shelter to protect them from cold temperatures and wind. Outdoor pets may also need additional caloric intake to help them maintain their body heat.

Pipes can freeze and burst in lower temperatures. Be sure to protect outdoor water spigots with faucet covers and use foam pipe insulation on outdoor pipes. Above-ground irrigation backflow devices should also be insulated, and backflow water valves and irrigation system controllers turned off to reduce the freeze potential. If possible, drain sprinkler system. To protect your indoor pipes, open cabinet doors to allow warm air to circulate around the pipes.

Plants in containers are more susceptible to freezing temperatures. Move plants inside or put them on the south side of the house; water them and use mulch, leaves, or hay to protect the roots; and/or cover them with a frost blanket.

Find more information at bit.ly/3FLmKy6.

Household hazardous waste collection event

JAN. 20

The City will host a household hazardous waste collection event from 9 a.m.-noon Jan. 20 at the Georgetown Municipal Complex, 300-1 Industrial Ave. City of Georgetown solid waste customers must contact Customer Care at 512-930-3640 or customercare@georgetown.org to register. Please include your name, address, and utility account number when emailing customer care. A list of accepted items is available at recycle.georgetown.org/household-hazardous-waste.



City facility bonds approved by voters

Georgetown voters approved bond propositions for four City facilities on Nov. 7. Bonds were approved for a Customer Service Center (51 percent), recreation center renovation and expansion (59 percent), increased animal shelter capacity (67 percent), and a YMCA recreation center partnership (52 percent). Design work will be completed on these facilities as the City develops a timeline for their construction. Find more information about the facilities at bonds.georgetown.org.

Home Repair Program accepting applications

The City of Georgetown Home Repair Program is accepting applications from residents for assistance with home repairs.

The goal is to help residents with limited resources to make improvements such as weatherization; accessibility improvements; paint; roof, window, and door repairs; and HVAC, plumbing, and electrical upgrades.

The program is funded by the City and administered by Habitat for Humanity of Williamson County. Eligible homeowners must live in city limits, own and live in the home, meet income requirements, be current on mortgage and property tax payments, and meet other requirements.

For more information about the program and to apply, visit housing.georgetown.org.

Join us for a Water Conservation Expo

FEB. 24

Save the date for Saturday, Feb. 24, for our second annual Water Conservation Expo. All are invited to drop by the Georgetown Public Library any time from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. to learn water conservation tips and meet local vendors and partners in water conservation.

More details will be posted at water.georgetown.org.

Georgetown Swirl tickets on sale

Tickets go on sale Dec. 1 for the 14th annual Georgetown Swirl from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. March 2. Enjoy an evening of shopping and live jazz music in downtown Georgetown while sampling Texas wines and cuisine from local restaurants. The cost is \$60 per person. VIP tickets are \$125 each. Go to swirl.georgetown.org for details and tickets.

