



SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER 2014

# Inside College Station

\*\*\*\*\* CITY OF COLLEGE STATION \* Home of Texas A&M University® \* College Station, Texas \*\*\*\*\*



## Be a Good Neighbor

If you've just moved to town, probably the last things on your mind right now are city ordinances, but not knowing basic ordinances could result in costly citations. As one of America's top college towns, we want to help you avoid these simple mistakes so you can concentrate on more important things – like Aggie football!

If you haven't already, be sure to introduce yourself to your neighbors and exchange contact information in case emergencies or potential problems arise. Plus, wouldn't it be better if they called you to address an issue and not the police?

No matter where you live, always be mindful of any loud noise coming from your home, including barking dogs and music. It's unlawful for anyone to willfully make or allow continued loud noise, especially during the hours of 10 p.m. to 7 a.m. If you can hear the noise at the end of your property line, then it's too loud. If you are found in violation, everyone on your lease could receive a citation. If you can't resolve the issue, noise complaints can be reported to the College Station Police Department at 979.764.3600.

### Other Common Code Violations:

**Sanitation:** After your trash has been collected, you have 12 hours to remove your sanitation container from the street. Trash should be securely stored in the provided container until your scheduled pickup day, and the lid should be secured so the litter doesn't spread. If you know that you're going to have a lot of trash, call the Sanitation Department at 979.764.3690. They can provide you with an additional bin or pick up.

**Yards:** Weeds and grass should not exceed 12 inches in height.

**Open storage:** Don't store anything in your yard or patio that's not intended for outdoor use. Firewood can be stored on the side or in the backyard.

**Residential Occupancy:** No more than four unrelated people can share a single-family residence.

For complete details on city codes, visit [cstx.gov/codeenforcement](http://cstx.gov/codeenforcement) or call 979.764.6363.

### National Night Out

Join the College Station Police Department for National Night Out on the evening of Tuesday, Oct. 7. The goal of National Night Out is to heighten awareness of crime prevention, to strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships.

All residents are encouraged to step outside to mingle with their neighbors and to visit with local law enforcement officers, who will be stopping at neighborhood block parties throughout the evening.

Interested in organizing a block party for your neighborhood? Visit [cstx.gov/nno](http://cstx.gov/nno) or call 979.764.3579.

### Free Curbside Recycling

The City of College Station offers Curbside Recycling to single family homes, duplexes and most four-plexes for free. Items accepted in the Curbside Recycling Program include: white paper, phone books, newspapers, magazines, #1 and #2 plastic, aluminum/tin/steel cans, clear and brown glass, and lead acid car batteries.

Each eligible residence is provided with clear plastic recycling bags to use to sort and store the recyclable materials. Once the bag is full, you can just place it on the edge of the curb by 8 a.m. on the scheduled recycling collection day. Recycling collection is provided once a week, on the same day as bulky items and brush collections.

To start recycling, visit [cstx.gov/recycle](http://cstx.gov/recycle) or call 979.764.6228. Recycling options are also available for businesses and apartments, call or go online for details.

Stay informed about city events, emergencies, traffic, utility notices and more by following us on Twitter (@CityofCS) or Facebook.com/CityofCollegeStation.

# 10 Game Day Parking Citations You Can Easily Avoid

Aggie football weekends are a busy and exciting time in our community, especially around Kyle Field, but thousands of football fans also need to park and make it to the game in time to enjoy the festivities. To help you avoid parking problems and better enjoy your experience, here are some things you should know.

It's illegal to operate a business in a residential neighborhood in College Station, and selling parking spaces in your yard is considered a business. Property owners who engage in this practice can receive fines of up to \$2,000 per offense. Plus, parking in the grass within city limits is a code violation.

Parking on the grass can present an extreme fire hazard, especially in times of little rain. A spark can ignite a grass fire which can then easily spread to other vehicles and surrounding structures. Oil and other chemicals leaking from parked cars can seep into our underground water supply and cause environmental damage.

Safety concerns have also led the city to prohibit parking on one side of narrow streets, especially those in older

neighborhoods. If cars park on both sides of these streets, fire trucks and ambulances would have difficulty responding to emergencies.

**Here are the most frequent parking transgressions seen throughout the year:**

- *Parking within 30 feet of a stop sign, yield sign or flashing light.*
- *Parking facing traffic. Your car must be parked in the direction of traffic flow.*
- *Parking within 15 feet of a fire hydrant.*
- *Parking within 20 feet of a marked or unmarked crosswalk.*
- *Parking in a handicap space without a handicap placard.*
- *Parking on the lawn, in loading zones or at expired meters.*
- *Overstaying allotted time periods in time-limited parking.*
- *Blocking driveways so residents can't get in or out.*

## events

*October-November 2014*

**Wienerfest**

Oct. 4 | 7:30 a.m. - 6 p.m.  
Wolf Pen Creek Park  
aggielandhumane.org  
or 979.764.3486

**Free Bike Classes**

Nov. 4 & Nov. 8  
cstx.gov/bikepedgreenways  
or 979.764.3674

**Warrant Amnesty**

Oct. 13-31  
Allows citizens with outstanding warrants to avoid paying the \$50 per case warrant fee if fines are paid in full. Those who do not will be arrested during warrant roundup, Nov. 1-9.

**Movies in the Park featuring Hotel Transylvania**

Oct. 17 | 7:30 p.m.  
Wolf Pen Creek Amphitheater  
cstx.gov/events or 979.764.3486

**Senior Fall Fest**

Oct. 23 | 5 p.m.-7p.m.  
Veterans Park & Athletic Complex Center. cstx.gov/seniors  
or 979.764.6371

**Trick or Treat at Werewolf Creek**

Oct. 31 | 6-10 p.m.  
Wolf Pen Creek Park  
cstx.gov/events or 979.764.3486

**Brazos Valley Worldfest**

Nov. 21-22 | Wolf Pen Creek Park  
brazosvalleyworldfest.org

### Important Election Dates

**City Council Place 1, 3 and 5 (at-large positions) will be up for three-year terms in this election.**

**Oct. 6 - Last day to submit voter registration application to Brazos County Voter Registrar (brazosvotes.org).**

**Oct. 20-31 – Early voting**

**Nov. 4 - Election Day, 7 a.m. – 7 p.m.**

**For more election information, visit [cstx.gov/elections](http://cstx.gov/elections) or call 979.764.3451.**

### Household Hazardous Waste & Computer Collection Event



This event is Saturday, Oct. 18 from 7 a.m. - 2 p.m. at the University Services Building. The event can be accessed by going east from Highway 6 on Harvey Road, then taking the first left after the Veterans Park entrance. No entry will be allowed from University Drive.

This free event is the safest way for Brazos Valley residents to properly dispose Household Hazardous Wastes. Some examples of accepted materials include: paint, medications, gasoline, pesticides, motor oil, antifreeze, batteries, compact fluorescent light bulbs and household cleaning agents.

For a full list of items, visit [twinoakslandfill.com](http://twinoakslandfill.com) or call the HHW Hotline at 979-764-3809.