



# Rosenberg Insider

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## Chloramine Conversion What does it mean for your water?

The City of Rosenberg is changing the disinfectant used in our drinking water from chlorine to chloramine in late January 2018. This change is intended to benefit our customers by reducing the levels of disinfection byproducts (DBPs) in the system, while still providing protection from waterborne diseases. A majority of public water systems in Texas that rely on surface water for their potable water supplies use chloramine disinfectant. Public water systems like City of Houston, City of Austin, and Dallas Water Utilities have been using chloramine disinfection for several decades.

**Chloramine disinfectant is safe; however, the change can potentially impact people that rely on dialysis machines.** Chloramine, like chlorine, must be removed from the water prior to being used in the dialysis machines. A condition known as hemolytic anemia can occur if the disinfectant is not completely removed from the water that is used for the dialysis. Consequently, the pretreatment scheme used for the dialysis machines must include some means, such as a charcoal filter, for removing the chloramine prior to January 2018. Medical facilities should also determine if additional precautions are required for other medical equipment. Dialysis patients should contact their medical facilities for guidance on modifications needed to their dialysis machines and procedures.

Chloramine, like chlorine, must also be removed from the water before it is added to aquariums or fish ponds, including fish and lobster tanks in restaurants and stores. The ammonia used to form chloramines is toxic to fish and other aquatic life as it enters the bloodstream directly through the gills. **If you have a fish tank, please make sure the water conditioning chemicals or filters that you are using are designed for use in water that has been treated with chloramine.** You may need to change the type of filter that you use for the fish tank. Leaving water to sit is not a reliable method for removing chloramine from the water.

For questions concerning this change, please contact the City of Rosenberg Customer Service Department at 832-595-3400.



## Water Conversion FAQs

**What is the current drinking water disinfection method?**

The current method is chlorination.

**What is chloramination?**

Chloramination is the use of both ammonia and chlorine to disinfect water. Chloramines are safe in drinking water and serve as an effective method of disinfection. In the U.S., many water systems have used chloramination for several decades.

**How will chloramination affect water customers?**

For most customers, the only noticeable change will be that the chlorine smell and taste in our water will be less apparent.

**What precautions should kidney dialysis patients take?**

Both chlorine and chloramine must be removed from the water used in kidney dialysis machines. Medical and dialysis centers that perform dialysis are responsible for purifying water that enters the dialysis machines. Customers with home dialysis equipment should contact their physicians or dialysis centers regarding chloramination and how it will affect them. They should also check with the equipment manufacturer for information.

**What precautions should fish owners take?**

Chloramines should be removed from water in fish tanks. Contact your local pet supply store for details.

## Our Government

The City of Rosenberg operates in a Council-Manager form of government in which the City Council sets the policy and overall direction for the City, and appoints a professional City Manager and other key officials to oversee operations.

## Mission Statement

To anticipate community needs and deliver exceptional service; and to cultivate an enhanced quality of life through leadership, innovation, and cooperative partnerships.

## City Council

- Mayor: William T. Benton
- At Large 1: Jacob Balderas
- At Large 2: Amanda J. Barta
- District 1: Jimmie J. Peña
- District 2: Susan Euton
- District 3: Alice Jozwiak
- District 4: Lynn Moses

## City Manager

John Maresh

## Meetings

City Council meets regularly in public session the first, third, and fourth Tuesday of each month. Check the website for times, agendas, etc. Council meetings may also be viewed live on Comcast 16 or at: [www.rosenbergtx.gov/TV](http://www.rosenbergtx.gov/TV)

## Can't Get Enough Trash Talk?

Check out our rates, holiday schedules, and recycling programs online at [www.rosenbergtx.gov/trash](http://www.rosenbergtx.gov/trash)



# Waste Not, Want Not

Before it was cool to call it “hump day,” Rosenberg citizens knew Wednesday as “trash day,” but did you know that Mondays and Tuesdays are designated pick-up days for green waste and bulky items as well? Check out the waste removal schedule along the right side of the page to determine when to put out your trash. If you notice that your cart has been damaged, Republic Services will repair or replace it if you call (713) 726-7300 and schedule service. In addition, citizens who are physically not able to bring their carts to the curb may be eligible for the City’s cart assistance program.

For questions, contact the City’s Customer Service Department at (832) 595-3400.

## Christmas Tree Pick-up

Green waste pick-up service makes Christmas Tree disposal as easy as



- 1. REMOVE** all lights, ornaments, decorations, tinsel, and fake snow.
- 2. BRING** the tree to the curb for Monday pick up (green waste day).
- 3. CALL** (832) 595-3400 with questions.

\*Residential Customers Only

Even small projects like planting a flower bed or installing a mailbox require a call to 811 before picking up the shovel. The fact is, for every man, woman, and child in the U.S., there are more than 100 billion feet of underground utilities. Making a quick call to 811 operators a few days before beginning any project involving digging can save property owners and contractors a lot of trouble. It only takes a quick phone call to avoid damaging utilities which can lead to serious injuries, expensive repairs, and disruption in services for you and your neighbors.

Thinking of starting a project? Call 811 first!

# 811

Call Before You Dig

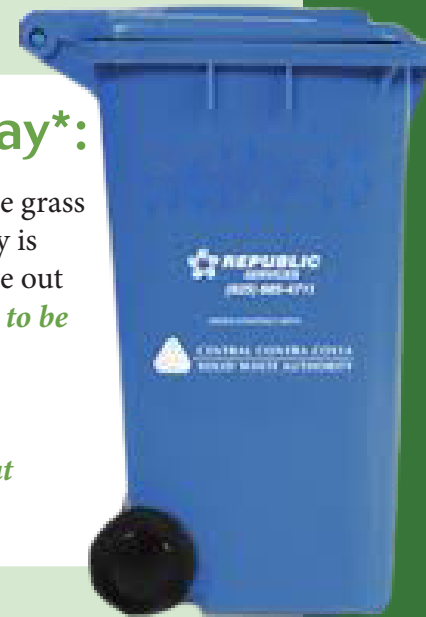


Monday

## Green Waste Day\*:

After a weekend of mowing the grass and pruning the trees, Monday is the day to put your green waste out for pickup. *Green waste needs to be four feet or less in length, four inches or smaller in diameter, 50 pounds or less in weight, and neatly placed at the curb.*

\*Residential Customers Only



Tuesday

## Bulky Item Day\*:

Items that are larger (or heavier) and do not fit in the provided trash container are picked up on Tuesdays. Four bulky trash items may be placed each week. Excess trash (trash that does not fit into an already filled cart) is **NOT** considered bulky trash and will not be collected. *Does NOT include Construction Material.*

\*Residential Customers Only



Wednesday

## Trash Day:

Each week, place your blue rolling cart (and green for recycling) out on the curb *before 7:00 a.m.* for solid waste trash pickup.

*NOTE: Place closed-lid carts facing the front of the street with a three foot distance between the carts and any other objects that could get in the way of pickup such as a car or mailbox.*



## Phone First

- 1. Notify** your local call center by dialing 811 a few days prior to the start of your project.
- 2. Wait.** Utility operators in the area will be notified of the dig-site and respond to your request in a timely manner.
- 3. Confirm** that all the affected utility operators have responded and marked the underground utilities.
- 4. Respect** the marks!
- 5. Dig** carefully around the marks. For more information and helpful tips, visit [www.call811.com](http://www.call811.com)



# November 2017 Image Beautification Awards



## Landscaping

Abel Sanchez  
2707 Bamboo Lane

Ed Wright  
1519 Kent Valley Lane

Michelle Arredondo and Eliseo Flores  
6318 Orange Blossom Lane

James and Madison Wynn  
5615 Stoneridge Court

Ralph and Conya Barreras  
7607 Summer Shore Drive

## Renovation

Maria Rodriguez  
1316 Tobola Street

## NUMBERS TO KNOW

Animal Control  
832.595.3490

Citizen Relations  
832.595.3301

Customer Service - Utilities  
832.595.3400

Police Dispatch - Non-Emergency  
832.595.3700

Republic Services - Solid Waste  
713.726.7300



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# Have you Heard of the RDC?

## RDC Drives Development in Rosenberg

The Rosenberg Development Corporation (RDC) was created by election in 1995. It is a Type-B economic development corporation funded by a one-half cent sales tax. State law authorizes the RDC to engage in projects related to primary job creation. Primary jobs are jobs that infuse new dollars into the local economy by creating or selling a product or service that is ultimately exported to regional, state, national, or international markets. The RDC is comprised of a seven director board. Four of the members, including all officers, are appointed by the Rosenberg City Council, and the remaining three members are City Councilors.

The RDC Board of Directors is made up of Chris Martin, President; Allen Scopel, Vice President; Chuck Budnik, Treasurer; Teresa Baily, Secretary; Alice Jozwiak, Director; Lynn Moses, Director; and Jimmie Peña, Director.

The RDC has many current projects that continue the City's positive trend of economic growth. In 2017, the RDC assisted local business Benedettini Cabinetry extend storm sewer infrastructure across its property, which will allow the company to complete an on-site expansion of 54,750 feet, nearly doubling its current footprint of 61,000 square feet. Benedettini employs more than 300 people.

In 2013, the RDC recruited ALDI, Inc. to build their headquarters and distribution center in Rosenberg. ALDI invested more than \$60 million into the local economy and created more than a hundred jobs. The RDC committed \$2.5 million over the course of ten years to facilitate construction of a 5,000-student Texas State Technical College campus in Rosenberg, a project that will strengthen the local workforce significantly. Near the intersection of I-69 and FM 2218, the first deed-restricted business park is already under construction in partnership with Fuller Realty and the City of Rosenberg.

To learn more about the RDC, visit: <http://www.rosenbergcodev.com>.

## UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Visit [www.rosenbergtx.gov](http://www.rosenbergtx.gov) to confirm meetings and events, as well as public notices and meeting agendas.

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| <b>01/01/2018</b>                     | City Offices Closed           | Happy New Year!                        |
| <b>01/02/2018</b><br><b>7:00 p.m.</b> | Regular City Council Meeting  | Rosenberg City Hall<br>2110 4th Street |
| <b>01/16/2018</b><br><b>7:00 p.m.</b> | Regular City Council Meeting  | Rosenberg City Hall<br>2110 4th Street |
| <b>01/23/2018</b><br><b>6:00 p.m.</b> | City Council Workshop Meeting | Rosenberg City Hall<br>2110 4th St     |

