



Environmental Services

FY2024 OCTOBER - DECEMBER

ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT

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QUARTERLY REPORT

The Environmental Services Quarterly Report is provided to inform residents on the department's services to the community and the results of such efforts.

The Environmental Services Department has four main public service areas:

- » **Litter Control**
- » **Consumer Health**
- » **Environmental Quality**
- » **Solid Waste Services**

All areas of service continue to achieve impressive results as they strive to provide outstanding customer service to the public.

Our Mission

Working together to safeguard the environment and foster sustainable, thriving neighborhoods through education and engagement with the community to manage waste, advocate for health and safety, and reduce incidents of environmental pollution.

Our Vision

Fort Worth will lead through advancing goals of a clean, safe, healthy communities, environmental stewardship and responsible waste management.

Unless noted, the Environmental Services Report reports on the fiscal year instead of the calendar year. The City of Fort Worth's fiscal year runs from Oct. 1 through Sept. 30.



REQUEST SERVICES

City services can be requested easily through several methods.



1. Phone: (817) 392-1234
2. Email: 1234@fortworthtexas.gov
3. MyFW App
4. Online: www.fortworthtexas.gov/customer-care



The City of Fort Worth campaign, Litter: Stop It! Report It! Pick It Up! endorses community participation in a focused effort to control litter. Litter control advances the overarching goal of a clean, safe city. Litter control efforts are concentrated across three core tenants: (1) source control, (2) community reporting, and (3) litter abatement.

FY2024 Q1 By the Numbers:
October - December 2023

4,697,666
pounds of debris collected
in FY2024 to date

2,558
litter-related
inspections

655,143
pounds of litter collected
by UpSpire Crews

126,969
pounds of illegal
dumping cleaned by
the Environmental
Investigations Unit (EIU)

8,059
curb miles swept

57,451
pounds of litter
collected at City-led
special cleanups

1,952
illegal dumping
sites cleaned

296
illegal
camp sites
cleaned

83
litter service
requests
received
through the
MyFW app

The City of Fort Worth and the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) are working together to support cleaner highways through a new pilot partnership. The program allows the City and partners to provide supplemental maintenance services, which include litter collection along highway rights-of-way and adjacent green spaces.

Photo: Highway litter cleanup in south Fort Worth.

CONSUMER HEALTH OPERATIONS

Consumer Health staff plays a crucial role in protecting the public. Staff inspect food establishments, child care centers, public swimming pools and spas, hotels, motels, lounges, and temporary food stands at special events. The goal is to prevent disease, ensure hygiene standards are met, and protect the well-being of the community.

FY2024 Q1 By the Numbers: October - December 2023

71
health permits issued

1,880
online training
classes taken

2,642
restaurant inspections

212
mosquito traps collected
(active season runs
April - October)

80
pool/spa inspections

248
complaint
investigations

54
plan inspections

38
child care
inspections

23
hotel/motel
inspections

Consumer Health provides bi-annual inspections of child care centers. Staff, along with a representative of the child care center, walk the entire building reviewing the safety features provided in each room as well as the efforts used to prevent communicable diseases. On the exterior of the building, the playground maintenance is inspected to ensure the safety of the children.

Photo: Environmental Services staff conducting childcare inspection at local daycare.

The Environmental Quality Division ensures compliance with federal, state and local environmental regulations to promote a clean and healthy environment. Staff members monitor ambient air and local water quality, investigate concerns of environmental contamination, ensure environmental permit compliance and provide safe hazardous waste disposal.

FY2024 Q1 By the Numbers: October - December 2023

999
environmental complaints investigated

1,092
construction stormwater inspections

71
grading permits issued

98%
continuously monitored events

20
Phase 1 or 2 Environmental Site Assessments or Asbestos Remediation Assessments

41
water quality monitoring events

35
air quality investigations

3
industrial stormwater inspections (active months are January, March, July, and September)

20
hazardous spill response investigations

The Rapid Bioassessment program (RBA) provides information about the overall stream health. This program samples the aquatic organisms that live in the stream. Organisms living in a stream paint a picture of the stream health because some species only occur in very healthy streams. Environmental Services staff conducted 24 site assessments from October through December 2023.

Photo: RBA evaluation by Environmental Services staff.

The Solid Waste Services Division manages the garbage, recycling and waste reduction services for the residents of Fort Worth. All curbside collections are provided by contractors. There are more than 257,000 single-family residences that receive weekly garbage, yard waste and recycling collection services. Bulk waste is collected monthly.

FY2024 Q1 By the Numbers:
October - December 2023

37,336
tons of residential waste sent by City to landfill*
*Oct. - Nov. metric

36,480
pounds of compost collected

73,149
monthly Drop-Off Station visits

486,643
pounds disposed at Environmental Collection Center

8,314
tons of bulk waste collected*
*Oct. - Nov. metric

15,904
tons of recycling collected

3,242
tons of yard waste collected*
*Oct. - Nov. metric

43%
audited recycling carts with no contamination

3,479
total households served at Environmental Collection Center

On Sept. 19, 2023, City Council adopted an ordinance amending the service fee for overloaded carts and loose bags. Garbage and recycling materials should fit inside the cart with the lid properly and securely closed. The penalty fee is \$6 per cart for overloaded carts and the fee for additional bags set outside of or next to the carts are considered is \$3 per bag.

Photo: Overloaded cart and loose bags in Fort Worth neighborhood.



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