

## City, FWISD team up to increase after-hours access to schoolyards and enhance recreational opportunities

The City of Fort Worth and Fort Worth Independent School District (FWISD) have entered into an agreement to open select schoolyards to the community during non-school hours.

By transforming schoolyards into after-hours neighborhood parks, Fort Worth is taking a significant step, once again, toward improving its standing in the Trust for Public Land (TPL) ParkScore Index, the national measure of equitable access to parks. Increasing community access points directly supports the City's "10-minute walk" score, the percentage of residents who live within a 10-minute walk of a park or open space.

According to the latest ParkScore Index, Fort Worth ranks 72nd among the 100 most populous U.S. cities, with 69% of residents living within a 10-minute walk of a **city park**.

Through the agreement, FWISD will designate outdoor recreation areas on specific campuses for community use outside of school hours. Both organizations will collaborate on maintenance, security and future improvements to enhance recreational opportunities.



## Protect your home and wallet: Cease the grease this holiday

Fort Worth wants to help all customers *Cease the Grease* this November.

Greasy holiday foods can clog plumbing. Fort Worth Water urges residents to keep fats, oils and grease out of drains this season.

- Let grease cool after cooking. Pour it into a heat-safe container. Store it until it solidifies. Then toss it in the trash. Do the same with baking grease from pans and trays.
- Wipe greasy dishes with a paper towel before washing. Scrape leftover food into the trash, not the sink. Use sink strainers to catch food scraps.

Avoid extra spending around the holidays due to plumbing repairs by keeping greasy foods away from drains.

[defendyourdrainsnorthtexas.com](https://defendyourdrainsnorthtexas.com)

## Air quality issues? Reporting them is a breeze!

Whether you live in the city, suburbs or out in the middle of nowhere, clean air is vital to the environment and health.

Polluted air can become a nuisance that negatively impacts our health, like causing respiratory issues. That is why it is important for everyone to understand what air nuisances are and how we can help reduce their impact.

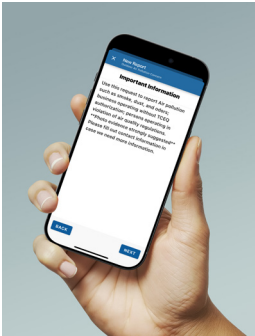
Here are some frequently asked questions to help recognize and report air nuisances:

**What is an air nuisance?** Any type of air pollution that can negatively impact human, animal and plant health. Things like smoke, gasoline, cleaning chemicals and gas emissions can be considered air nuisances.

**How can I report air quality nuisances to the City of Fort Worth?** Report air quality nuisance issues by using the MyFW App, calling the 311 Fort Worth Contact Center at 817-392-1234 or by emailing [1234@fortworthtexas.gov](mailto:1234@fortworthtexas.gov).

**How will the City respond to my air quality report?** The Environmental Services Department's Air Quality Team will investigate your report and take necessary actions to safely manage the issue.

[fortworthtexas.gov/departments/environmental-services/environmental-quality/air-quality](https://fortworthtexas.gov/departments/environmental-services/environmental-quality/air-quality)



## WORTH KNOWING

With extra family members, friends and neighbors gathered around the hearth during the upcoming holidays, it's easy to generate **trash** that exceeds the capacity of the brown cart. There's good news! All residents are allowed two extra bags of garbage next to the cart on their first pickup day following Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day. Bags can be up to 30-gallon sized and should not exceed 40 pounds per bag. There is no added fee for this service.

[FortWorthTexas.gov/solidwaste](https://FortWorthTexas.gov/solidwaste)



The Fort Worth Police Department is reinforcing its commitment to protect and support children through its enhanced **Handle with Care** program. The initiative ensures that when children are present during potentially traumatic incidents — for example, domestic violence, assault, aggravated assault or shooting calls — school officials are discreetly notified so they can provide appropriate support.



Fort Worth is introducing **Code Compliance Connects**, linking residents in need with volunteers who are ready to lend a hand with code-related concerns around their homes. The program is especially focused on supporting the elderly, disabled or those facing limited resources. Code Compliance is seeking volunteers who can give their time and resources, as well as families who need a hand maintaining their properties.

[fortworthtexas.gov/departments/code-compliance/enforcement/Code-connects](https://fortworthtexas.gov/departments/code-compliance/enforcement/Code-connects)

## WORTH GOING

Get ready for the most magical holiday adventure in Fort Worth! The Fort Worth Botanic Garden, in partnership with Sony Music, presents **Christmas in the Garden**, a spectacular family-friendly celebration that transforms the Garden into a breathtaking winter wonderland filled with dazzling light installations, delicious local cuisine and unforgettable holiday memories. Christmas in the Garden runs Nov. 21 through Jan. 4. Tickets are limited each night, and advance purchase is strongly recommended to ensure availability.

[fwbg.org](https://fwbg.org)