

# Annual Clean-Up - April 5th & 6th

## Avoid Identity Theft by Shredding Personal Documents During Annual Clean-up

Identity theft is a serious problem in today's society. One way to protect yourself is to make sure that would-be identity thieves aren't gaining access to your personal information through junk mail or other documents you have placed in the trash. The best way to assure this doesn't happen is to shred your junk mail and other personal documents before discarding.

f you don't have access to a paper shredder, bring the things you wish to shred to the DeSoto Service Center located at 809 W. Spinner Road on Saturday, April 5, 2008 between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. There will be a mobile document shredding unit on-site to shred your documents at no cost for DeSoto residents. You will be asked to show proof of DeSoto residency in the form of a driver's license or utility bill.

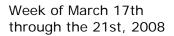
Please place all your documents in boxes. Do not bring them loose in bags as documents must be stacked to go into the shredder. You will be able to watch your documents being shredded. There is no limit to the amount of material you may bring for shredding. However, if you bring a large amount of documents and you wish to view them being shredded, you will be asked to step out of line and wait in order to get as many people through the line as possible.

The City of DeSoto will also make dumpsters available on Westmoreland Road at Spinner for the use of DeSoto residents, on Saturday, April 5<sup>th</sup> from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. and on Sunday, April 6th from 1 to 4 p.m. Clean out your garage, pick up your yard and bring your trash to the dumpsters located just south of DeSoto West Junior High on the east side of Westmoreland Road. Hazardous materials including paint, oil, chemicals, batteries and tires will not be allowed in the dumpsters. Tires can be recycled for a fee of \$2 each. City employees will be on hand to



**assist** residents with placing items into the dumpsters and will ensure that no illegal dumping of waste or hazardous materials occurs. The dumpsters are provided for DeSoto residents only and proof of residency is required. Please be prepared to present a driver's license or utility bill with a DeSoto address as you enter the dump site.

For more information, please call 972 230-9689.





# You Can Recycle Unwanted Electronics During Annual Clean-up

Tossing hundreds of computers, TVs and cell phones into landfills poses serious health and environmental risks. Most electronic components can now be reused, recycled and diverted from the waste stream. The City of DeSoto, in conjunction with Waste Management Recycle America is doing our part by offering recycling of electronic equipment during the city's annual clean-up event.

On Saturday, April 5, 2008 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., bring your unwanted electronic items to the DeSoto Service Center, 809 W. Spinner Road for recycling.

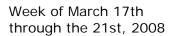
#### Here is a list of acceptable items:

•	Recycling Fee
Computers—CPUs	-0-
Monitors/TVs	\$10
Computer Peripherals	\$3
Printers	\$3
Fax Machines	\$3
Keyboards	\$3
Photocopiers	\$3
VCRs	\$3
Stereos	\$3
Consumer Electronics	\$3
Home & Office Phones	-0-
Cell Phones	-0-

#### **Unacceptable Items**

Microwaves
Smoke Alarms/Detectors
Thermometers
Dehumidifiers
Large Appliances – Refrigerators, etc.
Non Decontaminated Medical Equipment
Batteries
Any unit containing Sludge or Liquids

If you have questions regarding electronics recycling, please call the Action Center at 972. 230.9600





### City to Host Household Hazardous Waste Event

The City of DeSoto will host a Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event on Saturday, April 12th from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Westmoreland Pump Station, 620 N. Westmoreland Road. If you have household hazardous wastes that cannot be discarded along with the regular trash such as paint, oil, fertilizer, acid, gasoline, or pesticides, you can bring them to the event with a voucher. No one will be allowed to participate without a voucher. They can be obtained from the City of DeSoto Action Center located in City Hall at DeSoto Town Center, 211 E. Pleasant Run Road by providing a water or other utility bill as proof of residency. Only DeSoto residents are eligible to participate.

If you aren't able to participate in the DeSoto Hazardous Waste Event, the City of DeSoto is also a part of the Dallas County Home Chemical Collection program. As a DeSoto resident, you can bring hazardous materials for disposal anytime during normal business hours to the Dallas County Home Chemical Collection Center located at 11234 Plano Road, Dallas, Texas between Miller Road and Forest Lane (see Mapsco 28-A). There is no charge for DeSoto residents who can verify residency by presenting a current driver's license and a water bill or other utility bill. Products which can be disposed of at the Center include paint and home repair products, lawn and garden chemicals, aerosol sprays, pool chemicals, craft and hobby supplies, cleaners and polishes, batteries of all kinds, automotive fluids and oil filters and fluorescent light tubes. Business or commercial waste, containers larger than 5 gallons, explosives or ammunition, smoke detectors or other radioactive materials, medical waste, common trash or recyclables, construction debris, and electronics or appliances are not accepted. For information on how to dispose of unacceptable materials, contact the City of DeSoto Action Center at 972 274-CITY or call the Home Chemical Collection Center at 214 553-1765.



Week of March 17th through the 21st, 2008



Help Us Keep DeSoto Beautiful!!

9:30 a.m. - Trash Pick Up Begins -Meet at one of the locations below

11:30 p.m. - Free Hot Dog Lunch for all participants

City of DeSoto and Keep DeSoto Beautiful will kick-off the 2008 Annual Clean-Up activities by participating in the **Don't Mess with Texas Trash Off** on Saturday, April 5th, and we need your help to get DeSoto looking great and litter-free. We've identified some areas in need of a spring cleaning and would like to ask you and your neighbors to set aside a couple of hours that morning to help clean the following locations:

- 1) Danieldale Rd. (Westmoreland Rd. to Bolton Boone Rd.)
- 2) Westmoreland Rd. (south of Pleasant Run and north of Wintergreen)
- 3) Parkerville Rd.
- 4) Elerson Rd.
- 5) Uhl Rd.
- 6) Polk Street (Wintergreen to Parkerville)

A city staff member will be on hand at each location to provide trash bags and water for volunteers and to collect the filled bags. It is our goal to clean as many areas around our community as possible and the above sites are just a suggestion. If there is an area near your neighborhood that needs some attention, please call 972.230.9689 and let us know ahead of time. We would like to provide you with trash bags and will make arrangements to come by and pick up the bags after they have been filled.

After you've spent the morning making DeSoto look good, join us at the DeSoto Service Center located at 809 W. Spinner Road for a free hot dog lunch at 11:30 a.m. All litter-collectors will receive a recycling tote bag as a thank you. We hope to see you there!!! For more information, please call the Action Center at 972.230-9689.