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## SPECIAL BULK DROP-OFF EVENT

The City of Portland and Republic Services will host a bulk drop-off event for Portland residents on Saturday, March 20, 2021, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. or until the Republic Services roll-offs are all full. The drop-off location will be on the corner of Moore Avenue and Akins Drive by the water tower—across from the Oak Manor Villas. You will need to verify your Portland address with a drivers license, utility bill, or other proof of residency. Please note: Contractors will not be permitted to drop bulk items off at this event. Contractors must rent a roll-off container from Republic Services directly by calling 800-640-2014.

### Items Accepted

Bulky items accepted by Republic Services during monthly bulk pickups and this event include:

- *Furniture*—sofas, chairs, beds, mattresses, fixtures, dressers, carpet, box springs
- *Appliances*—stoves, washers, dryers, dishwashers, microwaves, refrigerators that have had the freon removed by a licensed technician and tagged
- *Other items*—boxes, garage items, gym equipment, tools, shelving, commodes

For a full list of acceptable items, please visit [portlandtx.com/RecycleCoach](http://portlandtx.com/RecycleCoach).

### Items Not Accepted

Bulky items not accepted by Republic Services during the monthly bulk pickups and this event include:

- *Construction debris*—sheet rock, rebar, flooring, PVC, roofing debris, plywood, concrete/masonry, wood (2x4, 4x4, etc.)
- *Hazardous waste*—pool chemicals, insecticides, pesticides, motor oil, paint, cooking oil, etc.
- *Other items*—televisions over 32 inches, tires, household garbage

Please contact Republic Services directly to rent a roll-off container for the bulk items not accepted. For more details, visit their website [republicservices.com/rentals](http://republicservices.com/rentals) or call them at 800-640-2014.

## SPRING CLEANING Special Bulk Drop-Off



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**Saturday, March 20, 2021**  
9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

### Additional Details

The special bulk drop-off is a free event for Portland residents only. Residents must unload their items into the containers themselves. Republic Services and Portland Public Works will be on site to help answer questions about items you are unsure qualify as accepted bulk items. If you have questions about this event, please call Republic Services at 800-640-2014 or Public Works at 361-777-4601.

## DISASTER REPORTING & RESOURCES

The severe freezing weather our area experienced in mid-February was classified as a Major Natural Disaster by the Federal government. As a result, state and federal agencies must collect data on the amount of damage our area sustained, including homes damaged, property and other losses. Additionally, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) designated all residents within San Patricio County eligible to receive Individual Assistance.

### Reporting Damages Sustained During the Disaster

Document and photograph all damages and losses to the property and your personal property, including food and landscaping losses. Once you are ready, please visit [arcq.is/uOrOb](http://arcq.is/uOrOb) to report your damages. The data collected in this survey is protected and will only be used by certified officials to document the damages and help our area receive federal assistance for recovery.

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### Resources for Recovery

FEMA's Individual Assistance program offers assistance with home repairs, lodging expense reimbursement, medical/dental expenses, child care expenses, cleaning and removal expenses, rental assistance, critical needs, and more. For a full list of assistance types, please visit [fema.gov/help-after-disasters](http://fema.gov/help-after-disasters). To receive Individual Assistance, you must complete the application process on [disasterassistance.gov](http://disasterassistance.gov) or by calling 1-800-621-3362.

When you apply, you will need to provide the following information:

- Social Security Number
- Annual household income
- Contact information—including email address
- Address of damaged home
- Insurance information
- Bank account information—for deposits



Please note: If your application shows "not approved", that does not mean your claim was denied. FEMA most likely needs clarification or more information from you.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Tuesday, March 2: Portland City Council Meeting**
  - Portland City Hall
  - Meeting begins at 7:00 p.m.
- **Sunday, March 14: Day Light Saving Time begins**
  - Set you clock forward 1 hour
- **Tuesday, March 16: Portland City Council Meeting**
  - Portland City Hall
  - Meeting begins at 7:00 p.m.
- **St. Patrick's Day**
- **Saturday, March 20: Special Bulk Pick-Up Event**
  - Corner of Moore Ave & Akins Dr—by the water tower
  - 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- **Wednesday, March 24: State of the City Luncheon**
  - For full details and tickets, please visit [PortlandTx.com](http://PortlandTx.com)

## Please Report Damages to your home or business

It is important to document, photograph and report damages your home or business sustained.



### Report here:

Visit  
<https://arcg.is/uOr0b>

-or-



scan  
this QR  
Code

## CONNECT WITH US

The City of Portland regularly uses social media, our website, and a weekly electronic newsletter (eNews) to disseminate information to keep Portland residents informed. To subscribe to the eNews and find the City's social platforms, visit [portlandtx.com/social](http://portlandtx.com/social).

## PERMIT REQUIREMENTS FOR COMMERCIAL & RESIDENTIAL REPAIRS

The freezing weather event caused plumbing and other damages to homes and businesses. The City of Portland requires permits for certain repairs on residential and commercial properties. The Portland Development Services department handles all permits within the Portland city limits. The Development Services department is located in the Public Works building at 1101 Moore Avenue. You may pick up the required repair permit applications at the Public Works building.

### Residential Permits for Repairs

City *permits are not required* when the owner repairs leaks in pipes, valves or fixtures, or clears stoppages in the plumbing on their homestead. A *City permit and inspection is required* if your home needs replacement or rearrangement of valves, pipes or fixtures. Plumbing repairs to rental homes *require a City permit, inspection* and must be done by a licensed and registered plumbing contractor.

### Commercial Permits for Repairs

All commercial plumbing *requires a City permit and inspection*. Other repairs to a commercial property must be overseen by a journeyman and can have the assistance of an apprentice.

### Contact Information

For questions regarding permits, visit the Portland Public Works building, call 361-777-4553 or email [permits@portlandtx.com](mailto:permits@portlandtx.com).