



# Breeze

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Monday, May 3, 2021

- Registration opens for Kidz Kamp and Kidz Klub  
*Please note: Registration is only available online for 2021—register at [activecommunities.com/portlandtxrec](https://activecommunities.com/portlandtxrec)*
- Portland Senior Center reopens Monday - Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- Portland Community Center Fitness Facility opens to all ages with extended hours. Hours include Monday-Friday 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Saturday hours are 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

### Tuesday, May 4, 2021

- Portland City Council Meeting
- Portland City Hall
- Meeting begins at 7:00 p.m.

### Friday, May 7, 2021

- Mother/Son Western Dance
- 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
- Joe Burke Pavilion
- To register and pay, visit [activecommunities.com/portlandtxrec/m-sdance](https://activecommunities.com/portlandtxrec/m-sdance)

### Tuesday, May 18, 2021

- Portland City Council Meeting
- Portland City Hall
- Meeting begins at 7:00 p.m.

### Monday, May 31, 2021

- Memorial Day

## UPDATED BAGGED YARD WASTE POLICY

The City of Portland was informed Republic Services stopped picking up bagged leaves and vegetation. This has been corrected. Republic Services has resumed picking up all bagged vegetation as a part of the monthly bulk waste pick-ups. Going forward, please place your bagged leaves and other vegetation along your curb in an unobstructed area next to your bulky brush pile.

### Things to Remember

Please remember that this is a mechanical process. Republic Services cannot guarantee plastic bags will not be broken or some contents spilled during the pick up. Property owners are responsible for cleaning up and re-bagging any spilled materials.

Your bulk piles must be away from

obstructions on the ground, street, and overhead so the Republic Services truck can safely park and retrieve your bulk items with their boom claw. Please ensure your bulk piles are away from cars, power poles, mail boxes, etc. Additionally, your piles cannot be underneath trees, powerlines, or other obstructions.

### Helpful Tips

To help minimize spillage, please make sure you use good quality lawn and leaf bags—heavy duty plastic, paper, etc. If you must use regular plastic bags, avoid puncturing the bag with sticks or other brush items. Also, tie the bags closed. If you have issues with your trash, recycle or bulk pickup, please let us know by calling Portland Public Works at (361) 777-4601.

Bagged yard  
waste and leaves  
**ACCEPTED**  
during monthly bulk pick-ups!

## MEMORIAL DAY CLOSURES, TRASH AND RECYCLE SCHEDULE

All City-owned buildings are closed on Monday, May 31, in observance of Memorial Day.

Trash, recycling, and bulk-item pick-up services will operate on the normal schedule and will not be affected by the holiday.

# BIKE LANES - RULES OF THE ROAD

The City of Portland began Part 2 of the Phase 11 Street Improvements Project in late April. Part 2 of this project includes installing bike lanes along several roads in Portland. Bike lanes are designed to improve the safety of everyone who uses the roadways. To ensure everyone's safety, drivers and cyclists must follow the Texas Transportation Code statutes regarding bike lanes.

## Texas Rules of the Road

The Texas Transportation Code statutes apply to cyclists and drivers. Many of the statutes require cyclists to use hand signals and body actions. It is necessary for everyone, drivers and cyclists, to know these signals. Please carefully review the statutes listed below.

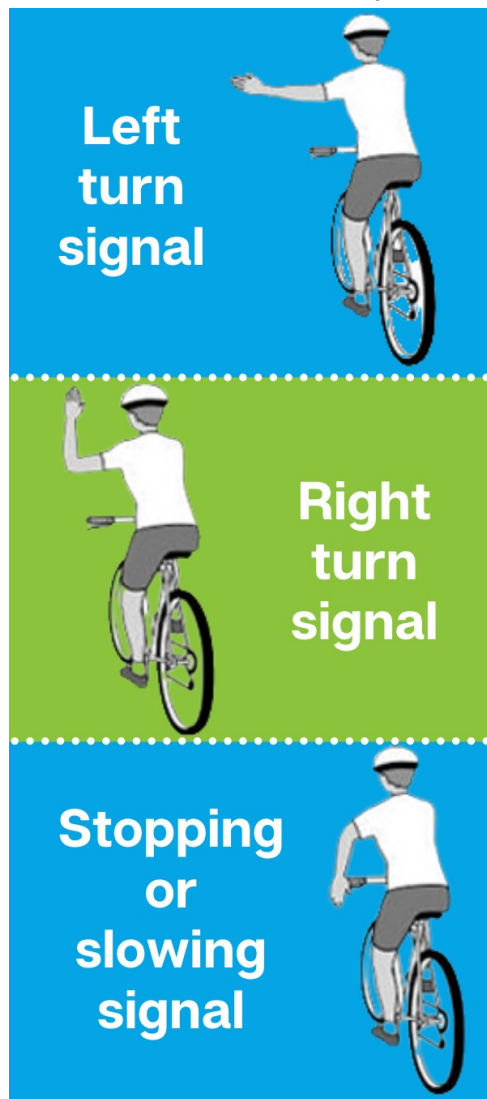
- “Bicyclists have the same rights and duties of other vehicle operators” (Statute 551.101)
  - Cyclists must stop at stop signs and red traffic lights.
  - Cars are required to yield right-of-way to a bicycle when appropriate, just as to any other vehicle.
- “Ride near the curb and go in the same direction as other traffic” (Statute 551.103)
  - Cyclists are encouraged to stay closer to the curb and within the bike lane lines unless it is not safe to do so. In this case, the law gives cyclists the right to take the lane.
  - Drivers should move lanes, if possible, or yield to cyclists.

- “Bicyclists must use hand and arm signals” (Statute 545.107)
  - Cyclists must point the way they are going to let other cyclists and vehicles know what you want to do. See the image to the left for a visual of these signal.
    - ⇒ To make a left turn signal, extend left hand and arm horizontally.
    - ⇒ To make a right turn signal, extend left arm horizontally and bend elbow at 90 degrees to point hand upward.
    - ⇒ To stop or decrease speed, extend left hand and arm downward.
  - Cyclists must keep one hand on the handlebars at all times.

- “One rider per saddle” (Statute 551.102a)
  - Cyclists shall not share the bike unless the bike has two saddle seats.
- “Must have a white light on the front and a red reflector or red light on the rear (for riding at night)” (Statute 551.104b)
  - The light(s) and reflector help other cyclists and drivers see you coming from any direction—especially from the side where vehicle headlights do not shine on reflectors.
  - The law effective as of September 2001 states that a red light can replace a red reflector.

## More Information Available

For additional bike lane laws, please visit [www.txdog.gov/bikelaneFAQs](http://www.txdog.gov/bikelaneFAQs). For more information on bike safety, please visit [www.biketexas.org](http://www.biketexas.org). Bike Texas provides several resources to help cyclists and drivers understand the bike lane laws and safety.



## SPECIAL IRS TAX EXTENSION FOR TEXANS

The United States Treasury Department and Internal Revenue Service (IRS) extended the 2020 Federal Income Tax Deadline to June 15, 2021, for all Texas residents and businesses due to the winter storms that occurred in February of this year. Texas taxpayers may deduct personal property losses that

are not covered by insurance or other reimbursements, as well. For details and instructions on how to deduct these items, please visit [www.irs.gov/TexasRelief](http://www.irs.gov/TexasRelief).

### Incorrect Late Penalty Reversal

The IRS states: “If an affected taxpayer receives a late filing or late

payment penalty notice from the IRS that has an original or extended filing, payment or deposit due date that falls within the postponement period, the tax payers should call the telephone number on the notice to have the IRS abate the penalty.” For more information, please visit [www.irs.gov/Servies](http://www.irs.gov/Servies).