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# CAUTION: Feeding Waterfowl May Be Harmful To You And The Birds

Regular feeding of wild birds can cause dependence on people for food, conflicts with people, and can spread disease. Canadian Geese are beautiful birds and fun to watch. The problem is that when we feed them we take away their need to find food as nature had intended. When there is an abundance of food,

there will be an abundance of geese. To many waterfowl in one location can deplete natural food supplies and spread disease between birds, as well as with humans. Goose droppings are not only disgusting, they can contain a wide variety of serious diseases.

**NOTICE**  
**PLEASE**  
**DO NOT**  
**FEED THE**  
**GEESE**

We all know that eating too much of the wrong food, can be bad for humans. Same thing applies to waterfowl. When the animals don't get the proper nutrients and vitamins, they can develop health problems as well as gain too much weight.

The City of Bethany asks you to refrain from feeding the waterfowl and let them return to nature.

For more information on this topic, go to our website [www.cityofbethany.org](http://www.cityofbethany.org) and follow the link to: 10 reasons not to feed the waterfowl and Geese diseases and humans.



## Closed For Holidays

City offices will be closed and there will be no sanitation service on these holidays. Offices and sanitation service will resume the next business day.

GOOD FRIDAY, Friday, April 3rd

MEMORIAL DAY, Monday, May 25th

INDEPENDENCE DAY, Observed Friday, July 3rd



# Be Aware of Hazardous Materials During Spring Cleaning

By S. R. Hunter, Bethany Fire Chief

With many Bethany residents getting ready for spring cleaning, it is important that homeowners be aware of some household items that can't be thrown away.

Items like old paint, oil, petroleum products, fluorescent light bulbs and prescriptions could mean big problems for the environment if not properly disposed of.

There are numerous items that you really don't want to throw in your garbage can or dumpster. Sanitation workers are at risk of being injured or exposed when handling chemicals that may react during the disposal process. In addition, many products contain

hazardous constituents that just can't go into the landfill. The potential for air, water and soil contamination are very real concerns if materials are mishandled.

Instead of tossing them in the dumpster, hazardous materials should be properly disposed in a designated disposal site. The Bethany Police Department will accept old prescriptions, but all other hazardous materials should be disposed of in an appropriate manner. Bethany residents can utilize the **Household Hazardous Waste Collection Center** located at 1621 S. Portland in Oklahoma City. Operating hours are Tuesday through Friday, 9:30 a.m.-6:00 p.m. and Saturday, 8:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. You must present identification and a Bethany water bill as proof of residency. There is no cost for this service. For additional information on proper disposal, call their office at 682-7038.

Items that can't go into landfills, but are accepted at the collection facility include:

- Hydrocarbons and hydrocarbon



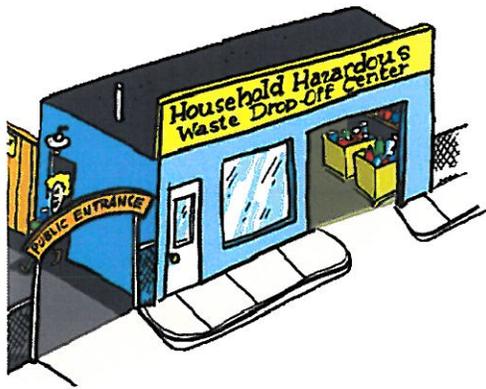
derivatives, i.e., gasoline, oil antifreeze, etc...

- Pesticide, herbicides, fertilizers
- Mercury
- Swimming Pool Chemicals
- Batteries
- Paints and Paint Thinners
- Fluorescent Light Bulbs
- Aerosol Cans

Items that cannot be accepted include:

- Radioactive waste
- Biomedical waste
- Commercial hazardous waste
- Refrigerant and Compressed gas containers
- Tires
- Computer equipment (contact the DEQ regarding disposal).

Please feel free to call the Bethany Fire Department at 789-2218 for immediate assistance, but remember the department cannot accept any hazardous materials.

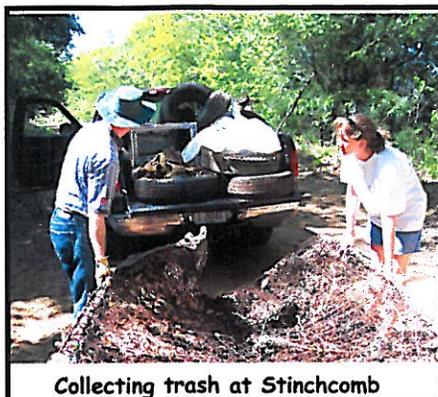


## 10TH ANNUAL CLEAN-UP

Join the Friends of Lake Overholser and the Stinchcomb Wildlife Refuge for the 10th annual large clean-up of trash and recyclables on Saturday, April 11th as part of the **OKC Beautiful Litter Blitz**.

Clean-up begins at 8:30 a.m. and ends at 2:00 p.m. after a free lunch and prize giveaway. Some volunteers are also needed for the afternoon. Meet at the Overholser Pavilion located at NW 14th and Overholser Drive. Wear sturdy shoes, a hat, work gloves, insect repellent and sunscreen.

Email [FriendsOfLakeOverholser@cox.net](mailto:FriendsOfLakeOverholser@cox.net) or call 702-8192 to register and/or find other ways you can help with this clean-up.



Collecting trash at Stinchcomb



Collected trash at Lake Overholser Dam