

THE BUSHNELL BULLETIN

A Quarterly Newsletter for City of Bushnell Customer News and Information

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APRIL IS CLEAN UP MONTH IN BUSHNELL FOR RESIDENTIAL REFUSE CUSTOMERS

During the month of April 2014, residential customers can take advantage of miscellaneous trash pick-up **at no charge.**

Any work done by a contractor must be disposed of by the contractor (no disposal of roofing materials from a roofer, large trees taken down by arbor care specialists, etc.)

Follow these simple steps to take advantage of your free residential pickup during clean up month:

1. Debris and Trash must be separated into the following categories, and will be picked up at different times:

- a. Metals
- b. Carpets/Plastics/Furniture/Mattresses
- c. Building Materials/Boards/ Sheet Rock/Blocks, etc.
- d. Brush/Leaves/Trimmings - ***MUST be either boxed, bagged or bundled up into no longer than 4ft. bundles.***

(Not following these guidelines may incur a charge to your account for the pick-up and disposal)

2. **NO HAZARDOUS MATERIALS** can be picked up.

- a. No Paint - unless can is empty and dry with the lid off.
- b. No LP Gas tanks.
- c. No Chemicals.

NOTE: Similar materials will be picked up together and driver may leave other types of material in the same location for a later pick-up.

Never forget to pay your utility bill again by signing up for pre-authorized payments; the funds will automatically come out of your checking account.



SIGN UP TO RECEIVE "CODE RED" EMERGENCY ALERTS!

To add your number to the Sumter County call list to receive warnings and emergency notices; such as tornados, hurricanes, and even general information visit:

<http://www.sumtercountysheriff.org/>
- Scroll down to the "CodeRed Emergency Notification System" section near the bottom.

If you do not have access to a computer to register online, you can also register for code red emergency alerts by calling 352-569-1660.

DEADLINE FOR \$500 ELECTRIC SCHOLARSHIP

The Bushnell electric scholarship program will **award one graduating senior with a \$500.00 scholarship** for any Florida University, Community College, or Vocational School. This scholarship may be utilized for any year or semester that the student wishes to apply the awarded funds.

Applications for the scholarship must be submitted to the City on or before Monday, April 14, 2014. Applications are available at the City Hall -117 E. Joe P. Strickland Jr. Ave., or the South Sumter High School Guidance Office.

Requirements:

- Dependent who resides in the home of a city electric customer
- 2.5 GPA minimum
- Graduating Senior – Class of 2014
- Minimum two page essay on topic provided

BE PREPARED FOR THE UPCOMING STORM SEASON!

Hurricane Season is from June 1st to November 30th

1. For insurance purposes, make sure you take photos/videos of the inside and outside of your home before and after a storm.
2. **Prior to a storm:**

- Identify places around your home where you can shut off your gas, water and electricity.
 - Have your trees properly trimmed to minimize the impact on your home and neighborhood.
 - Review the emergency plans with your family.
3. Clear your patio and yard of lawn furniture, toys, potted plants and any other debris that may blow around in high winds; causing damage or injury.
 4. Store and save water in your bath tubs and your washing machine (this water can later be used for cleaning or to operate your toilets).
 5. Create a hurricane survival kit that includes:
 - First aid supplies; water (at least one gallon per person per day); batteries; flashlights; a battery powered radio; manual can opener; prescriptions; baby food and diapers; pet food; canned foods; cash; tarps; rope; a corded phone; bleach; trash bags; charcoal or gas grill with plenty of fuel; wooden kitchen matches; and a portable cooler.
 - Be sure to fill your car's gas tank.
 6. If you or someone in your home has special needs; make sure you do the following:
 - Have a plan in place when you are warned of an incoming storm.
 - Know the locations of special needs shelters in your area in case you are unable to evacuate.
 - If you or someone in your home has special medical equipment that needs electricity to function; notify your electric utility provider prior to a storm's arrival!
 7. **Do's and don'ts for generators:**
 - **Don't** run a generator in a house or garage.
 - **Don't** plug the generator into your home's main electrical system.
 - **Do** run the generator outside in a well ventilated area.
 8. If your power has just gone out, unplug all large appliances and electronics; this will help to prevent power surges when the power is restored.
 9. If your home floods, make sure you turn off your electrical power at the main breaker box until a professional inspects it.

10. **After the storm**, check to see if your home's weather head is damaged (it is located above the electric meter where the wires come out of the pipe). **Utility workers cannot reconnect service if this piece of equipment, which is the homeowner's responsibility, is damaged.** If your weather head needs repair, please contact a licensed electrician. **For more helpful storm information, please visit: www.FloridaDisaster.org**

[Storm prep tips provided by Florida Municipal Electric Association & Florida Municipal Power Agency]

FIND LOCAL SHELTERS, BEFORE THE STORM!

For a list of regular and special needs storm shelters in Sumter County, please call emergency management at 352-569-1660.

- o **Individuals with special needs** will need to fill out and turn in a special needs registration form **before** the storm has arrived.

CITY HALL WILL BE CLOSED ON THE FOLLOWING DATES:

Good Friday – April 18th, 2014
Memorial Day – May 26th, 2014

**** TRASH WILL BE PICKED UP ****

**NEXT REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
 APRIL 7th, 2014 AT 6:00 P.M.**

If you would like to have the City Council agenda emailed to you prior to the meeting, visit www.cityofbushnellfl.com and signup to receive the agendas, or you can view the agenda and entire packet online.

BUSHNELL CITY OFFICIALS

Mayor	Bil Spaude
Vice Mayor	Warren Maddox
Councilman	Dale Swain
Councilman	Bill Durham
Councilwoman	Cookie Norman-Tadlock
City Attorney	Felix Adams
City Manager	Bruce Hickle
City Clerk/Finance Director	Joy Coleman
Utilities Director	Bruce Hickle
Public Works Director	Mike Eastburn
Director of IS/Customer Affairs	Susan Noell
Director of Zoning /Code Comp.	Denise Lee
Director of HR	Kelly Marcoux

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