

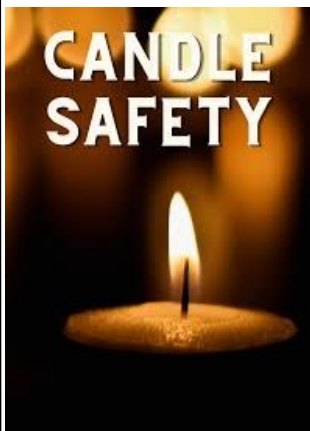


CITY NEWS

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CANDLE SAFETY TIPS



Alamo Heights Fire Department would like to inform our community of the dangers of using candles in your houses, and give some helpful recommendations to help keep our families safe for the holidays. From 2015-2019, U.S. fire departments responded to an estimated 7,400 home structure fires that were started by candles per year. These fires caused an annual average of 90 deaths, 670 injuries, and \$291 million in direct property damage. On average, 20 home candle fires are reported each day. Thanksgiving and Christmas are the peak days for candle fires.

SAFETY TIPS AND SUGGESTIONS

- Keep candles at least 12 inches from anything that can burn such as window drapes.
- They do make flameless candles for your home. They look and smell just like real candles without the risk of fire.
- Always blow out all candles before you leave a room or go to bed!
[CandleSafetyTips.pdf \(nfpa.org\)](#).
- In this video, tips on staying safe with candles in your home are reviewed. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6xOyMBJ-b44>.

Alamo Heights Rotary Annual Holiday Sparkle Contest

Help brighten up this holiday season by
decorating your home!

Judging will take place December 16th-19th.
Yard signs and a small prize will be given to 1st through 3rd place winners.
All single family homes within the city limits of Alamo Heights are eligible,
no need to submit an application.

BRIEFS

2022 Solid Waste Schedule

The 2022 Solid Waste Service Schedule includes eight holidays when no solid waste services are provided.

Holidays for 2022 are:

- New Year's Day (observed)
- Good Friday
- Juneteenth
- Independence Day
- Thanksgiving Day
- Day after Thanksgiving
- Christmas Eve (observed)
- Christmas Day (observed)

For full Solid Waste schedule:

<https://www.alamoheightstx.gov/departments/public-works/solid-waste/>

Reminder: your water consumption during the winter months affects your residential sewer service fee for the next year. Residential sewer service fees are calculated based on the average water usage during three consecutive billing periods. This year your November, December and January consumption will be used for your winter averaging. For more information or questions, please call Utility Billing staff at 882-1507.

CITY CALENDAR

Wednesday, December 1
Board of Adjustment Meeting
5:30 p.m.

Monday, December 6
Planning and Zoning Meeting
5:30 p.m.

Monday, December 13
City Council Meeting
5:30 p.m.



Tuesday, December 21
Architectoral Review Board
5:30 p.m.—Canceled

Friday, December 24 and
Monday, December 27
Holidays—Christmas Eve and
Christmas Day (observed)
Offices Closed*

Friday, December 31 Holiday—
New Year's Day (observed) Offi-
ces Closed*

*NO CONSTRUCTION WORK
ALLOWED ON OFFICIAL CITY
HOLIDAYS

*NO SOLID WASTE SERVICES

There is no such thing as “Flushable wipes”

Unfortunately manufacturers are able to make the claim. Toilet paper dissolves in sewage pipes but tissues, paper towels, and wipes do not. Instead of dissolving like toilet paper, these items bond together with grease forming long, mop-like clumps of gunk that clog sewer pipes, damage equipment and cause sewer spills. Dispose of these wipes and other products deemed “flushable” in the trash, along with grease from plates, pots and pans and you can help prevent this problem.

* What Can Go * Down My Toilet?

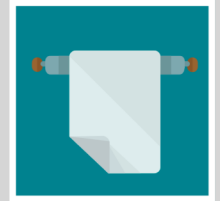
Only Flush the 3 P's



Pee



Poo



Paper

The Unflushables

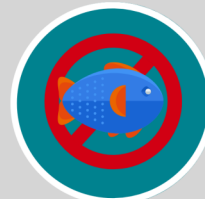


Products such as wet wipes, diapers & medical waste do not break down in water the way that toilet paper does & can cause havoc with pipes & your septic system - **DON'T FLUSH THEM!**

The Impact



Improper waste can attach to fatty build-ups in pipes, causing backups



Plastics in products can remain in ecosystems for a very long time, damaging the environment



Clearing blockages can be expensive & inconvenient

ALAMO HEIGHTS Texas

USEFUL PHONE NUMBERS

911 for EMERGENCY
Fire/EMS (Non-Emergency): 210-824-1281
Police (Non-Emergency): 210-822-3321
Administration and Finance: 210-822-3331

Public Works: 210-882-1518
Water: 210-882-1507
Community Development: 210-826-0516
Court Clerk: 210-882-1501