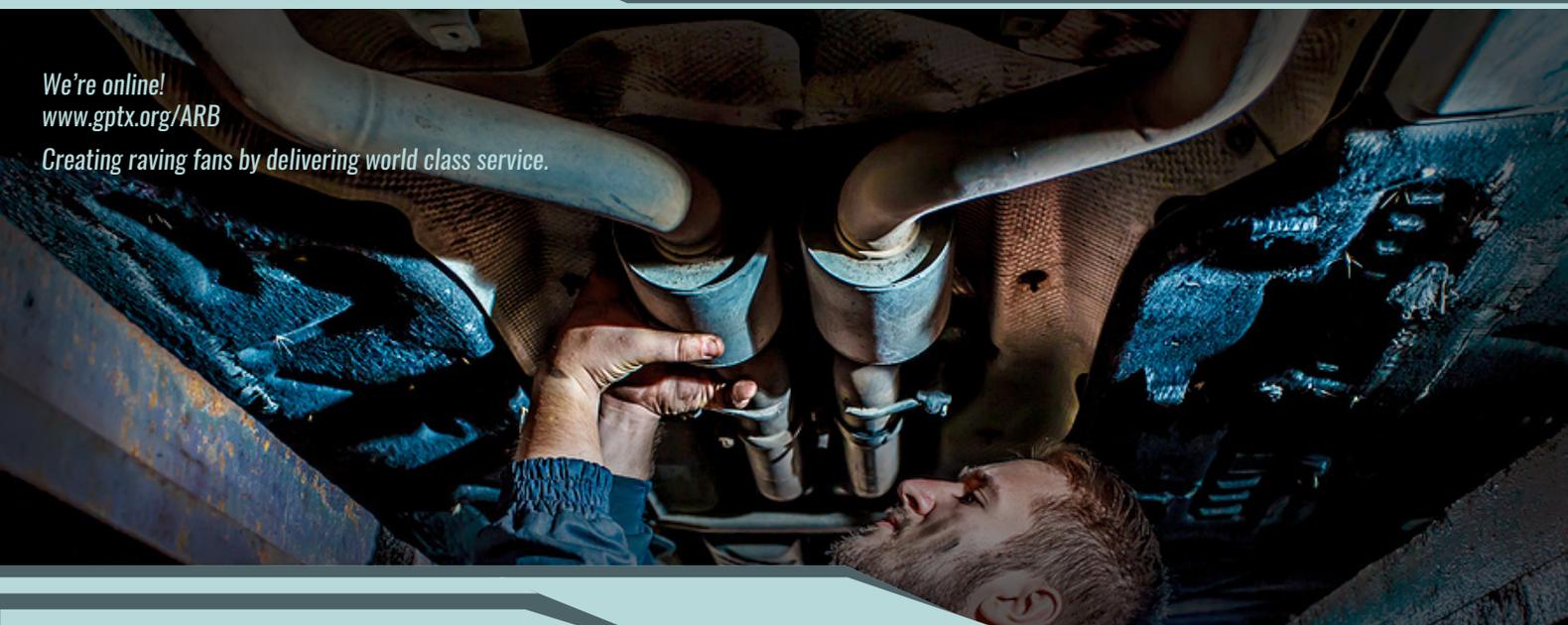


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2020 CLEAN PRAIRIE COMPANIES

Business Name	Address
Auto Care Express	520 W Pioneer Pkwy
Midas	618 E Pioneer Pkwy
Urbina's Auto Center	2302 S Carrier Pkwy
City Garage	315 E Westchester Pkwy
Navarro's Auto Shop	2464 W Jefferson St
R & Son's Autobody Frame	3950 E Jefferson St Ste 9
Grand Prairie Fast Inspection	209 SE 14 St
Space Auto Body Parts	2025 W Main St
Joe Hudson Collision Center	1405 E Ave H
Fast Tune & Lube #2	329 E Main St
Advanced Modern Performance	247 Gilbert Cir Ste A
Chacon Autos	1015 E Main St
Select Cars and Trucks	1415 E Main St
Dario Auto Sales	2401 E Main St
Lowe's Auto Body	2125 W Pioneer Pkwy Ste D3

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The goal of the Clean Prairie Companies program is to encourage businesses to participate in beautification efforts at their own business or throughout the community. This is a tiered certification program: Bronze, Silver, or Gold.

Congratulations to the Auto Related Businesses that passed a Clean Shop Inspection and became Bronze Certified as a Clean Prairie Company in 2020. They have committed to be a clean, orderly, free from litter shop both inside and outside.

2020 CLEAN SHOP WINNERS



**Bodyguard
Painters Auto
Repair**
2100 N HWY
360 STE 2201



This body shop makes cleanliness a top priority both inside and outside. Everything is properly labeled and well organized. The parking lot and landscaping are well maintained.

**Century
Trucks and
Vans**
1220 E. Main



This sales lot is very organized and clean. The staff ensures that their working areas and parking lots are always clean and stain-free. The shop and landscaping are both well maintained.

**PARS
Automotive**
413 E Church



The inside of this repair and state inspection shop is clean and organized. Waste is always properly labeled and the outside of the shop is free of debris and spills.

**Advanced
Auto Collision**
405 E Rock Island



This body shop has paint booth and waste labeled properly. The shop is well maintained and organized. The facility utilizes ventilated sanders for the respiratory protection of their workers.

GC Lines
1302 W Oakdale



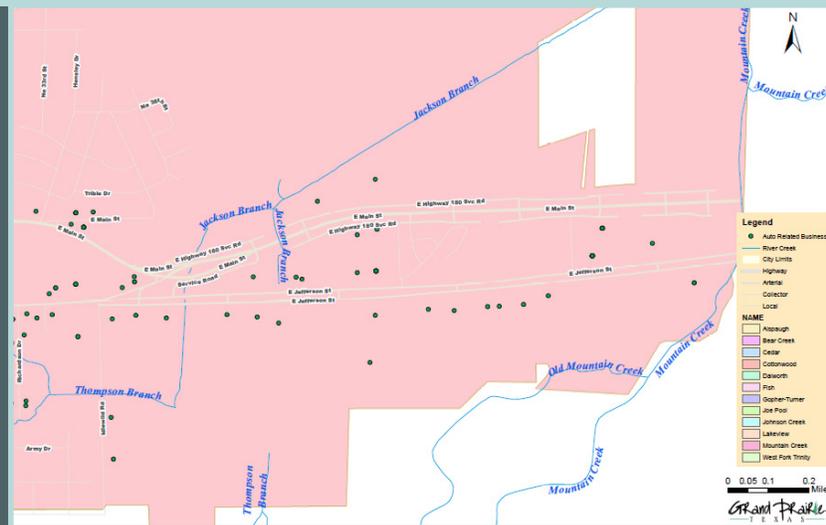
This trucking company takes special care to ensure their lot stays clean by properly cleaning spills immediately. No parts are stored outside and the area is clear of trash and debris.

KNOW WHERE YOUR DRAINS GO

Did you know that storm drains discharge directly into our creeks, rivers, and lakes? This means pollutants that sit on properties and roadways throughout the city are picked up by storm water from heavy rains and discharged straight to our creeks and rivers. This also means all the pollutants on the ground like motor oil, antifreeze, fertilizers, pet waste, trash, etc. end up untreated in our waterbodies. Oil or grease released from automotive businesses can clog fish gills and block oxygen from entering the water. Toxins found in gasoline, diesel, antifreeze, lubricants, sealants, car surface protectants, and cleaners are also harmful to waterways. Since Grand Prairie residents swim in and get their drinking water from these waterbodies, it poses a risk to their health as well.

Storm water from businesses at the east side of Grand Prairie ends up going untreated to the waterways as shown in the map here. Whether substances are dumped directly or washed by the rain from your property into a drain, it is illegal to discharge a pollutant to our waterways. As a business owner/operator, you are responsible. Do your part, keep pollutants off the ground and prevent them from going into our waterways.

Please visit www.gptx.org/environmentalquality to enter your business address and learn where the storm water goes from your business.



AIR PERMITS: KNOW WHAT RULES APPLY TO YOU

As an operator of an auto body shop, you are required to have proper air authorization. You may qualify for *de minimis status* (*de minimis* = of little significance) or may have to claim Permit by Rule. Refer to Table 1 to see if your business qualifies for *de minimis status*.

Table 1. Maximum Usage to Qualify as De Minimis

Material:	To be <i>de minimis</i> you must use no more than:
Cleaning or stripping solvents	50 gallons a year
Coatings (other than plating materials)	100 gallons a year
Dyes	1,000 pounds a year
Bleaches	1,000 gallons a year
Fragrances (other than odorants)	250 gallons a year
Water-based surfactants or detergents	2,500 gallons a year

If you claim *de minimis status*, you must keep records to prove that you qualify. These records include but not limited to purchase receipts, work orders, and operating records.

Permit by Rule (PBR)

If your auto body shop is not a *de minimis* source, you may need to submit documents explaining your paint related activities and may need to complete one or more of the following steps to remain in compliance:

1. Claim the Permit by Rule (PBR) 30 TAC 106.436.
2. Submit the PI-7 form prior to construction of a paint booth.

Whatever your case may be, the TCEQ has a division dedicated to help you in the permitting process. Please call the Small Business Local Government Assistance Division of TCEQ at 1-800-447-2827 for assistance.

BENEFITS OF GETTING A COVID VACCINE



Getting vaccinated against COVID-19 will be one of the best ways to protect yourself and everyone around you, particularly people at increased risk for severe illness from COVID-19.

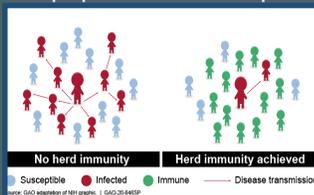
If you are protected from getting COVID-19, you cannot pass the disease to others.



The more people who get vaccinated against COVID-19, the better it is for everyone. More people vaccinated means that there will be less disease in our communities.



“Herd immunity” also called “community immunity” can be achieved when 70-90% of the population develops immunity to a disease. This generally happens by infection (conferring natural immunity) or vaccination. Herd immunity can help slow or stop a disease’s spread.



COVID-19 vaccination will be the most important tool to help stop the spread of COVID-19 and gets us closer to the end of the pandemic.

COVID-19 vaccine is free but there may be a cost for administration.



Getting a COVID-19 vaccine may keep you from getting seriously ill even if you do get COVID-19.



The COVID-19 vaccine will help keep you from getting infected with COVID-19 even if you are exposed to infected individuals.



By stopping the spread of COVID-19, we can keep businesses, schools, and other venues open.



Useful Contacts

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(972) 237-8230

Code Compliance
(972) 237-8296

Environmental Quality
(972) 237-8055

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TOP 5 CODE ENFORCEMENT VIOLATIONS IN 2020

1. Failure to comply with requirements of the Certificate of Occupancy.

Activities not approved on the Certificate of Occupancy (CO) are not permitted.



2. Storage of salvaged vehicles/parts.

Businesses that store salvaged vehicles or parts of vehicles and/or salvaging the same are considered a salvage yard and must follow all the requirements of a salvage yard.



3. Failure to maintain valid work orders for vehicles.

Repair and body shops must have a valid work order for all customer vehicles located on the premises. The work order must include the Vehicle Identification Number (VIN), owner name, work being done, and date the vehicle arrived on the premises.



4. Outside storage of parts.

Body shops, automotive repair shops, or used car shops are not allowed to store materials used in connection with the repair of vehicles, vehicle parts, or any other related materials outside a building.



5. Failure to maintain parking lot.

Automotive related businesses must maintain the parking area in a way that all parking spaces are visibly delineated on the ground with durable, weather-proof paint.

