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HOW CAN YOUR BUSINESS PARTICIPATE IN CLEAN PRAIRIE?

The Clean Prairie Companies program was developed to encourage businesses to participate in beautification efforts at their own business and throughout the community. This is a tiered certification program: Bronze, Silver, or Gold. To earn Bronze certification, businesses must earn 10-30 points, Silver is 31-50 points, and Gold is 51+ points. Each level earns different rewards that recognize the business for its efforts.

Auto-related businesses that pass a Clean Shop Inspection automatically certify at the Bronze level. Here are ways that you can participate:

- Maintain landscaping and keep your property litter free.
- Keep a spill kit at the facility.
- Keep the shop and inventory organized.
- Maintain parking lot and clearly mark parking/fire lanes.
- Maintain fire exits and minimum of 36" egress aisles within the building storage area.
- Make any improvements requested by inspector.

Please visit www.gptx.org/cleanprairie for more information.

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RIGHT OF ENTRY

The City's Automotive Related Business Program (ARB) was created to educate operators and enforce guidelines for the preservation and improvement of the environment and the City aesthetics. There are over 590 auto related businesses in the City of Grand Prairie. Each of these facilities is inspected at least once a year by both the Environmental Quality and Code Compliance. Inspections are conducted randomly, so it is essential for the businesses to provide ready access to the inspectors.

Denying access to the City inspectors or causing an "unreasonable delay" is a violation of the City's ordinance. Chapter 13, Article XX Sec. 13-548 states that "The City's representative(s) shall have the right to enter the premises of any person to determine whether that person is in compliance with all requirements of this article." It continues to say that "Unreasonable delays in allowing inspecting or monitoring personnel access to any person's premises shall be a violation of this article."

Ease of entry and exit to the business, ready access to all areas, and ensuring a responsible party on the premises during the time of inspection are necessary for a smooth and expedited process. Your participation in the City of Grand Prairie's ARB program is appreciated and your cooperation ensures the program's success.

WHY SHOULD I GET THE COVID-19 VACCINE?

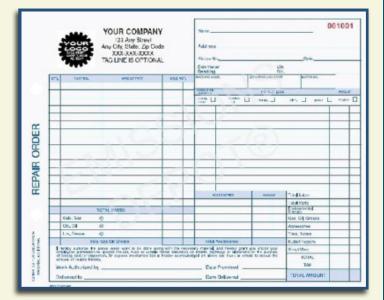


WORK ORDERS FOR REPAIR AND BODY SHOPS

On January 7, 2020, the Grand Prairie Council adopted a new Automotive Related Businesses ordinance- Sec 13-545 (a) that requires repair and body shops to maintain valid work orders for all customer vehicles located on their premises.

A work order must be created upon receipt of all customer vehicles. It must include the Vehicle Identification Number (VIN), owner's name, work order description, and the date on which the vehicle arrived on their premises. Figure 1, to the right, is a sample work order. Also, non-repairable and salvage motor vehicles are not allowed to be on-site longer than seven (7) calendar days.

For more information, please visit www.gptx.org/arb.







Businesses that remove used oils or spent engine lubrication oils from a vehicle are considered a "Used Oil Generator." According to federal, state, and local regulations, used oil generators are required to manage used oil as a non-hazardous waste. Used oil must not be mixed with any other liquids such as antifreeze, brake cleaner, paint thinner, chemicals, or solvents.

Businesses that remove used oil filters from vehicles are considered a "Used Oil Filter Generator." You must register as a Used Oil Filter Collection Center with the TCEQ if you collect used oil filters from the public or other shops. You can use the TCEQ website, <u>https://</u> <u>www.tceq.texas.gov</u>, to register online. For more information about registering your business please visit the TCEQ's Small Business and Local Government Assistance at TexasEnviroHelp.org or call 1-800-447-2827.



Here are few ways to manage used oil and used oil filters properly:

- Used oil and used oil filters must be stored in containers or tanks that are in good condition and clearly labeled.
- If you store more than six 55-gallon drums of used oil filters you must register as a storage facility.
- Manifests must be kept on all recycling activities and stored onsite for inspection. Records must be retained for three years.
- A registered waste hauler with the EPA and TCEQ is required to remove all wastes.
- All spills must be stopped, contained, and cleaned properly.

WHAT STEPS WILL YOU TAKE TO IMPROVE AIR QUALITY ON

CLEAN AIR ACTION DAY AUGUST 4?







USED BATTERY STORAGE AND DISPOSAL

Batteries contain lead and corrosive acids which have damaging health affects for humans and the environment. If a battery is stored outside it could corrode and release harmful chemicals into the soil, ground, and surface water. Lead can cause joint pain, kidney damage, and neurological damage. Some metals found in batteries, like nickel and cadmium, are also human carcinogens.

Article XX Section 13-545(b) prohibits the storage of materials used in connection with the repair of vehicles, vehicle parts or any other related materials outside an enclosed building. Batteries must be stored inside, and spills must be cleaned up immediately. A registered waste hauler is required for disposal and the manifests must be kept and available for review for three years. Training your employees about the dangers of storing batteries incorrectly is an important step in protecting your business and the environment. **CITY OF GRAND PRAIRIE**

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Green

Air Quality is good and safe for everyone.

Yellow

Air Quality is moderate and unhealthy for very sensitive groups.

Orange

Air Quality is unhealthy for sensitive groups (ex: older adults, children, & people with <u>disease</u>.

Red

Air Quality is poor and unhealthy for everyone

TEXAS TROUBLE

A used vehicle dealership in Matagorda County was fined \$2,063 for failing to ensure a motor vehicle is equipped with either the emission control system or devices that were originally part of the motor vehicle engine or an alternate emission control system prior to selling the vehicle and failing to display a notice of the prohibitions and requirements of 30 TAC 114.20 at a commercial vehicle sales facility.



An auto body repair and finishing shop in Harris County was fined \$938 for failing to obtain air authorization prior to constructing or modifying a source of air contaminants.

A scrap tire dealer and repair shop was fined \$13,500 for failing to retain all manifests, work orders, and invoices showing the collection and disposal of all used or scrap tires for three years, failing to obtain a scrap tire storage site registration, and failing to ensure that scrap tires are transported to an authorized scrap tire facility.

An automotive service shop in Tom Green County was fined \$450 for failing to clearly label used oil storage containers and failing to maintain a bill of lading for each shipment of used oil filters.

An auto body facility in Maverick County was fined \$3,675 for failing to obtain an air permit prior for operation, failing to use work orders to manage scrap tires generated on-site, failing to label used oil storage containers, and failing to clean up an oil spill.

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