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CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY AND ZONING

All businesses in Grand Prairie are required to obtain a Certificate of Occupancy (CO) prior to using or occupying land, buildings, structures, or suites. The CO states that occupants must comply with the provisions of the Unified Development Code, Auto Related Business Ordinance, and other applicable laws of the City. Once the CO is approved, no change in the existing use or occupancy of the building, structure, or suite within a structure is permitted, until an amended application is submitted, reviewed and approved. One of the reviews during the CO process is a review of the proposed use and zoning. Some uses are allowed by right, some require a Specific Use Permit, and some may not be allowed at all in certain zoning or overlay districts. Therefore, it is important that verification is obtained through the Planning Department that a use is allowed for that zoning district prior to leasing or occupying a land, building, or space within the city. For more information please contact Code Enforcement at 972-237-8296.

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PROPER HAZARDOUS WASTE STORAGE

Hazardous waste is waste with properties that make it dangerous or capable of having a harmful effect on human health or the environment. Hazardous waste may come in many forms including liquids, solids, gases, and sludges. Therefore, proper storage and management of hazardous waste in a business is paramount for the safety of employees and the health of the environment. The following table provides tips and examples of how to properly store hazardous waste.

Good Practice

Designate a “Hazardous Waste” storage area

- Make sure area is inside or undercover
- Keep it clean and orderly

Store waste in a chemically, compatible container

- Make sure container is in good condition with no dents or punctures
- Container needs to be properly sealed when not in use

Properly label storage containers

- Make sure labels are in good condition and are legible
- Labels need to be visible at all times

In case of spills, have secondary response measures in place

- Place storage containers in secondary containment
- Have absorbent on hand for spill clean-up

What to do



What NOT to do



THE DANGERS OF BODY FILLER (BONDO)

Body filler is an everyday product for a body shop, but do you know how hazardous it is? Body filler is a polyester resin that is mixed with a hardener and used for auto body repair. Both the resin and hardener present danger. The hardener contains methyl ethyl ketone which is highly flammable and the resin contains a carcinogen called styrene that can affect your liver and sensory functions after either short or long-term exposure.

The dust created from sanding hardened body filler is not only a lung irritant, but also flammable and toxic. It must be swept up immediately, stored in a properly labeled container, and hauled off by a registered waste hauler. Caution should be taken by anyone who works with or around body filler, and an MSDS should always be available for employees. Never use body filler near an open flame or heat source and always work in a well ventilated area or use a respirator fitted with organic vapor cartridges.



DON'T BE A MOSQUITO BREEDER

Mosquitoes live part of their lives in aquatic environments and breed in almost any body of water. As adults they hide in places like tall grass, shrubbery, and other vegetation. By eliminating sites with stagnant water and keeping landscaping trimmed and clean, the potential for mosquito breeding and disease transmission is significantly reduced.

What you can do to help:

- Keep rain gutters free of debris and leaves
- If you or your employees go outside use an EPA-approved insect repellent
- Repair leaky pipes, outdoor faucets, and ensure proper operation of sprinklers
- Cover or turn upside down any container that may collect water
- Do not store tires without rims outside
- Fill in or drain any low places (puddles, ruts) around your property
- Cover trash containers to keep out rain water
- Keep drains, ditches, and culverts clean of weeds and trash
- Fill in any tree rot holes and hollow stumps that hold water with sand or concrete
- Keep grass cut short and shrubbery well-trimmed around your property, so adult mosquitoes don't have a place to hide

For additional information visit us on-line at www.gptx.org/fightthebite



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What are ozone action days?

Ozone action days are days where the air quality is predicted to be unhealthy.

On ozone action days you are highly encouraged to do one thing to reduce air pollution like limiting your driving.

Sign-up for air pollution alerts at www.airnorthtexas.org.



STORM DRAIN SYSTEMS VS. SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM

Did you know that storm inlets discharge directly into our creeks, rivers, and lakes? Unlike the sanitary sewer system, the storm drain system is **NOT** connected to a treatment plant, but instead carries stormwater that runs off of yards, parking lots, and streets directly to creeks, rivers, and lakes. This means that all of the pollutants on the ground like motor oil, antifreeze, fertilizers, pet waste, trash, etc. end up in our waterbodies, untreated. Pollutants found in gasoline, oil, diesel, antifreeze, lubricants, sealants, as well as high concentrations of car surface protectants, waxes, cleaners, and shop floor cleaners can be toxic to aquatic plants, insects, fish, and other animals.

Do your part and keep pollutants off of the ground and out of our waterways.

Find where your stormwater goes at www.gptx.org/EnvironmentalQuality



GPTX.ORG/CLEANPRAIRIE

The Clean Prairie initiative is a partnership and continued commitment between city leadership, residents, and business owners to ensure community cleanliness as a top priority in the City of Grand Prairie.

How your business can participate in Clean Prairie

- Maintain landscaping and keep grass cut
 - Keep your property litter free and free of clutter
 - Keep litter receptacles clean inside and outside
- Maintain fencing and exterior

AND apply to become a Clean Prairie company!

Learn more about Clean Prairie companies www.gptx.org/About-Grand-Prairie/Green-Grand-Prairie/Clean-Prairie/Clean-Prairie-Companies

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