

Be Prepared For Citywide Cleanup April 9-16

Take The Time To Organize Items You Are Discarding

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It's April and the calendar says it is spring, so for many people that means it's time to do so some major cleaning.

In an effort to help keep Yankton looking nice, the City of Yankton is once again providing Citywide Cleanup — April 9th-16, 2011.

The goal every year, says Dave Leyden with the Street Department, "is to try to keep Yankton as tidy as possible."

To reach this goal, Yankton residents who are on city garbage collection routes can place items on the curb beginning Saturday, April 9. Items such as tree branches, wood products, metal, and minimal concrete will be picked up.

Leyden is asking residents to please separate items into piles.

"If stuff is separated it helps

us so we don't get stuff mixed up. It's just easier," he said. "And don't pile it around things like fire hydrants, mail boxes, phone boxes, and things like that."

According to the City of Yankton website, city crews will begin picking things up at the curbs April 11-15. And as a reminder, this is only for people who are resident customers on regular city garbage routes.

Residents are asked to wait until April 9 to begin placing items on the curb.

"It doesn't take long and it helps keep the community looking nice," Leyden adds.

If the following steps are followed, city crews will pick up at your curb:

- Separate materials by type into piles.
- Piles must be placed at the street curb on the day that your regular garbage is picked up. These items will not be picked up in alleys.

• Piles must be placed directly in front of your property and not in front of adjacent neighboring property.

• Tree branches shall be no longer than 10' in length.

• Garbage cans set out for normal collection must be set away from piles and left in alleys.

There are many items that will not be picked by city crews.

Grass clippings and leaves can be disposed of at the transfer station, free of charge, anytime during the summer.

"If people bring out yard waste we just ask that they keep the garbage out of it," said Leyden. Last fall when they were preparing the windrows they were finding everything under the sun in the grass piles.

Newspapers, cardboard, plastics and other recyclables are collected free of charge throughout the year. Once a week recyclables are collected



COURTESY PHOTO
Citywide Cleanup begins this Saturday in Yankton. Residents are encouraged to wait until then to place items on the curb. A complete list of what can be collected through the transfer station is available on the city website at www.cityofyankton.org.

Freon. There is also a fee for disposing of these items at the transfer station.

Residents are also welcome to bring items to the Solid Waste Transfer Station, located at 23rd and Kellen Gross Drive. The transfer station will be open: April 9 from 8am-3:45pm; April 11-15 from 8am-7pm; and April 16 from 8am-3:45pm.

For more information on what can be disposed of, please check out the City of Yankton web site at www.cityofyankton.org, or you can contact the Yankton Street Department at 668-5211.

LIGHTS

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said Workman, who owns an interior design firm in Hollywood, Fla. "There are wonderful new outdoor lights that are almost art pieces themselves," she said.

Colored lights, illuminated furniture and subtle fixtures designed to blend with nature will be popular this year, according to design professionals.

Workman expects to see the use of color increase, and "I don't mean Christmas lights," she said. Landscapers are starting to incorporate subtle red, blue and pink lights into their work, she said.

Color is particularly appropriate if you are planning a party, Rossbund added. It's "a fun way to change things up," she said.

Some homeowners are adding a bright pop of color with light-up patio furniture, Robert said. The battery-powered chairs and tables are available in a variety of colors.

International designers like Moduluce and Neoz have created lines of plastic tables and chairs that are lit from within.

Avanzini has a line of wood furniture made with glowing light strips. It helps create a lounge look that Robert thinks

will be popular this summer.

"With the rise of staycations, we will see a lot of designs adopting a real bar-type lounge attitude, with perhaps more extravagant and festive pieces," she said.

Moonlight USA sells decorative outdoor illuminated globes, which can glow white like the moon or cast light in a rainbow of colors. The company also makes a tabletop for the globes. The clear acrylic disc has a cut-out center that allows it to rest on top of the globe so it can function as a table.

"The color is very robust," said owner Anke Kondek. "It's a wow effect."

Homeowners wanting to light

a more natural setting may go for a softer, more layered look, said Beth Webb, an interior designer in Atlanta. She favors the custom copper-and-wood pieces made by The Outdoor Lights in Cumming, Ga.

Company president Chris Wakefield has created lights that cast a warm glow around fire pits, dining areas or outdoor living rooms. Some of his more popular items include punctured copper cylinders that create a firefly effect, stamped copper lanterns and illuminated, artificial birdhouses. The lanterns can hang from a shepherd's hook or a tree branch.

Before buying lights for reading, lounging or dining, the pro-

fessionals recommend making sure that pathways and steps are properly lit for safety.

"You want light to help you navigate spaces near or around steps," said Jeff Dross, director of education and industry trends for Kichler Lighting.

He and the other experts warned against making outdoor spaces too bright. They suggest using subtle light that is aimed towards the ground wherever possible.

"For most tasks you only need low light," Dross said. "Avoid that glare. Glare forces you to think you need more light than you do."

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