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Spring Cleaning Helps Rid Residents of Unwanted Items

(Papillion) Mayor James Blinn invites residents to the Public Works Department sponsored annual Spring Cleanup Days.

The spring cleaning takes place 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., April 4 through April 6, 2008, at the former River City Ball Field Complex on 98th Street and Cornhusker Road.

Public Works accepts household and lawn furniture, major appliances, construction materials, undamaged propane tanks, automotive parts, tree limbs and yard waste, and many other objects. Tree limbs and yard waste must be free of garbage, and bags must be removed. For a complete list of acceptable items, contact the Public Works Department at 597-2043.

Public Works cannot accept automotive oil, hazardous waste, tires, or paint.

Many of the items will be recycled and the tree limbs and yard waste will be ground up into mulch. The Public Works Department offers the mulch to the general public at no cost. The department hopes this will help keep the city roads clean.

Last year proved successful with 53 forty-yard dumpsters of trash and debris that were taken and 156,550 pounds of material were recycled. Spring Cleanup Days is a free way for residents to clean up their property and discard old appliances.

Residents must live in the city limits and must bring a copy of a City of Papillion water bill in order to participate in the cleanup days. Public Works has provided this service to Papillion residents for almost 30 years.

Mayor Blinn said, "Spring Cleanup Days allows us to reach out and help Papillion's residents, while at the same time taking care of the environment. It also allows us to work with residents on a one-on-one level, which helps us better understand their needs. We strive to serve our residents and community in every way we can."