



MELISSA MINUTE

MAY 2009

The City of Melissa Seeks Volunteers!

We Need You! If you are interested in serving on one of the City's six boards, please submit an application and resume to the City Secretary's Office at the City of Melissa, P. O. Box 409, Melissa, TX 75454 or fax to 972-837-2452. You can find the application by going to our website at www.cityofmelissa.com and click on City Boards then follow the link to the application form. The City has current vacancies on the following boards:

- Planning and Zoning (2)
- Melissa Park Advisory Board (1)
- Library Advisory Board (2)
- Board of Adjustment (3)
- 4A Economic Development Board (1)
- 4B Community and Economic Development Corporation (1)



For more information, please call 972-838-2338.

CITY COUNCIL

- Reed Greer, Mayor
 Dan Trott, Mayor Pro Tem, Place 5
 Randy Kaiser, Place 1
 Sharon Weideman, Place 2
 Stan Mercer, Place 3
 Bill Farmer, Place 4

MANAGEMENT TEAM

- Jason Little,
City Administrator 972-838-2338
- Linda Bannister,
City Secretary 972-838-2338
- Jan Clark,
City Librarian 972-837-4540
- Gail Dansby,
Finance Director 972-838-2338
- Dana Nixon, Development
Services Coordinator 972-838-2036
- Duane Smith,
Police Chief 972-838-2033
- Perry Elliott
Fire Chief 972-837-1268
- Brian Akins, Public Works
Superintendent 469-853-9800

Summertime Water Savers: Conserve and Save Money Too!

Remember that existing, non-drought related guidelines that remain in effect include:

- No watering between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.
- No over-watering such that a constant stream of water overflows from the lawn onto driveways, sidewalk, and streets.
- No watering during rain.



Also here are some simple things you can do to make sure you are not wasting water and therefore saving money!

- Teach your family how to shut off your automatic watering systems. Turn sprinklers off if the system is malfunctioning or when a storm is approaching. Be sure to check after a power outage to ensure that your system hasn't reset to the manufacturer's programming.
- Divide your watering cycle into shorter periods to reduce runoff and allow for better absorption every time you water.
- Use a screwdriver as a soil probe to test soil moisture. If it goes in easily, don't water. Proper lawn watering can save thousands of gallons of water annually.
- Remember to check your sprinkler system valves periodically for leaks and keep the heads in good shape.
- We're more likely to notice leaky faucets indoors, but don't forget to check outdoor faucets, pipes, and hoses for leaks.

City Hall is located at:

901 State Highway 121
 Melissa, TX 75454-9501
 Call (972) 838-2338
 Fax (972) 837-2452
www.cityofmelissa.com



CITY HALL HOLIDAY CLOSURES:
 FRIDAY, JULY 3RD - JULY 4TH HOLIDAY
 MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7TH - LABOR DAY HOLIDAY

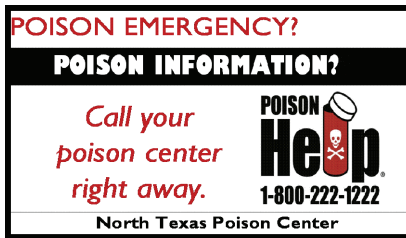
Spring/Summer Safety Tips from North Texas Poison Center – Poisonous Plants

Wouldn't it be nice if poisonous plants were more like rattlesnakes and looked poisonous! Unfortunately, there are several toxic plants that may be deceiving because of their beautiful flowers, fruits, and foliage. Did you know that both the potato and tomato plant are poisonous? If ingested in large quantities, the leaves and stems of these plants create intense digestive and nervous system disturbances.

Each year, over 100,000 people in the United States call Poison Centers regarding plant exposures. Young children, and sometimes pets, will often chew and eat anything within reach no matter how it tastes. Some plants contain substances that are very irritating to the skin, mouth and tongue. Immediate burning pain is common, and sometimes stomach upset, mouth and tongue swelling or breathing problems may occur. Some plants may cause a skin rash. Sometimes the rash occurs only after being in the sunlight or gets worse with sunlight. Some plants may cause nausea, vomiting, diarrhea and stomach cramps. Eating a small amount of a plant may not be a problem, but large or repeated doses may be harmful. Animals and birds can often eat plants that may be unsafe to humans.

The warm and beautiful days of spring are here, which means we spend more time doing outdoor activities such as gardening, camping, etc... Bites and stings are very common during this time of the year, so remember that you always call the Poison Center for treatment information; as well as any questions about pesticides.

No matter how careful we are, accidents can and do happen. It is important to place the North Texas Poison Control Hotline phone number (800-222-1222) near the telephone so you can reach them quickly in the event of an accidental poisoning. To better assist the poison experts, you will need the common and/or scientific name of the plant in question. If at any time you are in doubt about a particular houseplant, take it to your local nursery or garden center for identification and what possible toxic characteristics the plant may have. For a more complete list of poisonous plants, visit the North Texas Poison Control website at www.poisoncontrol.org.



Summertime "Magic" at the Melissa Library

The Melissa Public Library invites you and your family to join us as we discover the magic of reading as our 2009 Summer Reading Program kicks off June 1st through August 10, 2009.

- Ages 2-5 - Draw pictures about each book
- Ages 6-8 - Write 1 to 2 sentences about each book read
- Ages 9-12 - Write a paragraph about each book read

Participants can read, write, and draw about the books read this summer (books must be checked out from the Melissa Library) for magical surprises!

The Library's hours are as follows:

- M: 9 a.m.-6 p.m.
- T & W: 10 a.m.-6 p.m.
- TH: 12 p.m.-8 p.m.
- F: 10 a.m.-6 p.m.
- SAT: 10 a.m.-3 p.m.
- SUN: CLOSED



Monday is Story Time from 10-11 a.m.

Second Annual July 4th – Celebration of Freedom!

The Melissa Area Chamber of Commerce will be holding the Second Annual City of Melissa Celebration of Freedom.

When: Saturday, July 4th
Where: Melissa High School Cardinal Stadium

Events taking place throughout the day include:

- * BBQ Cook-off
- * 3-on-3 Freedom Shootout Basketball Tournament
- * Parade (2:00 p.m.)
- * Sweet Melissa Dessert Contest
- * Car Show
- * Talent Showcase
- * Concert-Blaze of Glory
- * FIREWORKS! (10:00 p.m.)

For more information or if you are interested in participating in any of the various events, please contact the Melissa Area Chamber of Commerce at 972-837-4277 or visit www.melissatx.org.

BULK WASTE

Need help disposing of large items that will not fit in your trash cart?

IESI will collect bulk waste on the second Saturday of each month. Call (469) 452-8000 or email iesimelissa@iesi.com for details and to schedule a pick up.