



# Environmental Services

FY2024 Q1-Q3 OCTOBER 2023 - JUNE 2024

# ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT

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The Environmental Services FY2024 Q1 - Q3 Report is provided to inform residents on the department's services to the community and the results of such efforts.

The Environmental Services Department has four main public service areas:

- » **Litter Control**
- » **Consumer Health**
- » **Environmental Quality**
- » **Solid Waste Services**

All areas of service continue to achieve impressive results as the department strives to provide outstanding customer service to the public.

## **Our Mission**

*Working collaboratively, our mission is to protect Fort Worth's environment, nurture sustainable neighborhoods, and engage with community through service and education. We aim to manage waste efficiently, champion health and safety and curtail environmental pollution.*

## **Our Vision**

*Fort Worth will lead through advancing goals of a clean, safe, healthy communities, environmental stewardship and responsible waste management.*

Unless noted, the Environmental Services Report operates on the fiscal year instead of the calendar year. The City of Fort Worth's fiscal year runs from Oct. 1 through Sept. 30.



## **REQUEST SERVICES**

City services can be requested easily through several methods.



1. Phone: (817) 392-1234
2. Email: [1234@fortworthtexas.gov](mailto:1234@fortworthtexas.gov)
3. MyFW App
4. Online: [www.fortworthtexas.gov/customer-care](http://www.fortworthtexas.gov/customer-care)





The City of Fort Worth campaign, Litter: Stop It! Report It! Pick It Up! endorses community participation in a focused effort to control litter. Litter control advances the overarching goal of a clean, safe city. Litter control efforts are concentrated across three core tenants: (1) source control, (2) community reporting, and (3) litter abatement.

**FY2024 By the Numbers:**  
October 2023 - June 2024

**19,075,476**  
pounds of debris collected  
in FY2024 to date

**4,293**  
litter-related  
inspections

**2,012,406**  
pounds of litter collected  
by UpSpire Crews

**3,880,005**  
pounds of illegal  
dumping cleaned by  
the Environmental  
Investigations Unit (EIU)

**21,964**  
curb miles swept

**1,031**  
illegal  
camp sites  
cleaned

**116,733**  
pounds of litter  
collected at City-led  
special cleanups

**6,528**  
illegal dumping  
sites cleaned

**227**  
litter service  
requests  
received  
through the  
MyFW app

On June 8, the third Special Event Litter Cleanup was hosted at the Southside Service Center. There were a total of 59 volunteers who participated, working in small groups, to clean different areas of south Fort Worth. Collectively, staff and volunteers filled 80 bags resulting in 3,050 pounds of litter removed.

Photo: Volunteer picture during South Fort Worth Cleanup.



## CONSUMER HEALTH OPERATIONS

Consumer Health staff plays a crucial role in protecting the public. Staff inspects food establishments, child care centers, public swimming pools and spas, hotels, motels, lounges, and temporary food stands at special events. The goal is to prevent disease, ensure hygiene standards are met, and protect the well-being of the community.

### FY2024 By the Numbers: October 2023 - June 2024

**2,661**  
health permits  
issued

**6,621**  
online training  
classes taken

**7,307**  
restaurant  
inspections

**744**  
complaint  
investigations

**1,565**  
pool/spa  
inspections

**272**  
child care  
inspections

**555**  
plan  
reviews

**687**  
mosquito traps  
collected  
(active season  
runs  
April - October)

**67**  
hotel/motel  
inspections

Environmental Services' Consumer Health Division offers inspection services for public swimming pools, spas, and splashpads in Fort Worth. In Q3, the division completed 1,454 inspections including routine, follow-up, and pre-operational inspections for new permits. During these inspections, Consumer Health ensures that all facilities are operational and compliant.

*Photo: Employee conducting water sampling at an apartment complex pool.*



The Environmental Quality Division ensures compliance with federal, state and local environmental regulations to promote a clean and healthy environment. Staff members monitor ambient air and local water quality, investigate concerns of environmental contamination, ensure environmental permit compliance and provide safe hazardous waste disposal.

**FY2024 By the Numbers:**  
October 2023 - June 2024

**2,946**  
environmental  
complaints

**98%**  
continuously  
monitored events

**3,183**  
construction  
stormwater  
inspections

**28**  
Phase 1 or 2  
Environmental Site  
Assessments or  
Asbestos Remediation  
Assessments

**331**  
water quality  
monitoring  
events

**230**  
grading permits  
issued

**160**  
air quality  
compliance  
investigations

**64**  
industrial  
stormwater  
inspections  
(active months  
are January,  
March,  
July, and  
September)

**62**  
hazardous  
spill response  
investigations

The Water Quality team completed spring Rapid Bioassessments in Fort Worth's creeks in May and June. These assessments, done each spring and fall, offer long-term data on the health of the creek's biological community. Unlike a momentary water sample, rapid bioassessments reveal ongoing stream conditions. Together, the team visited 22 creek sites and conducted 14 tests per site.

Photo: Water quality field investigation for stream health.



SOLID WASTE OPERATIONS

The Solid Waste Services Division manages the garbage, recycling and waste reduction services for the residents of Fort Worth. All curbside collections are provided by contractors. There are more than 257,000 single-family residences that receive weekly garbage, yard waste and recycling collection services. Bulk waste is collected monthly.

**FY2024 By the Numbers:**  
October 2023 - June 2024

**149,231**  
tons of residential waste sent by City to landfill\*  
\*Oct. - May metric

**130,007**  
pounds of food waste collected

**229,137**  
drop-off station visits

**1,416,120**  
pounds disposed at Environmental Collection Center

**38,433**  
tons of bulk waste collected\*  
\*Oct. - June metric

**47,160**  
tons of recycling collected

**21,610**  
tons of yard waste collected\*  
\*Oct. - June metric

**12,023**  
total households served at Environmental Collection Center

**57%**  
audited recycling carts with no contamination  
\*Oct. - April metric

For World Environmental Day, Councilwoman Martinez requested the Solid Waste Division join the community event, sponsored in part by Black Coffee. The division participated by collecting household hazardous waste for safe disposal and electronics to be recycled. NextGen Ambassadors, from the City's summer internship program, also lent a hand distributing materials about Solid Waste services.

Photo: NextGen Ambassador collecting electronics to be recycled.





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## **Environmental Services Department**

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