



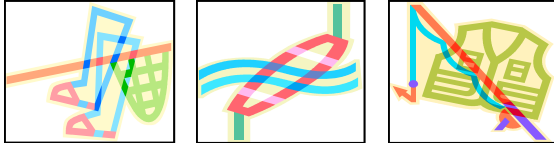
Summer 2010

As a Kaufman citizen, you may not be aware of your responsibilities regarding the City ordinances. Studies have shown that an individual does not violate a City ordinance due to lack of concern or neglect. Most often, violations are noted when the average citizen is unaware of his or her current responsibilities regarding municipal regulations. The purpose of this brochure is to bridge this communication gap by providing you with some of the safety reminders and ordinances, regulations, and policies of the City of Kaufman.



The City Parks!

- For a full list of city parks and what they have to offer, contact the Public Works Department for an informative park brochure.
- All city parks shall be closed from 10 pm to 6 am, except for league play at the Kaufman Sports Complex and special permitted functions at all parks.



The City Lakes!

- No swimming in the city lakes.
- Speed limit for speedboats, jet skis, and motor boats is 5 mile per hours, unless posted other wise.
- Motors - 10 horse powers or less.
- To fish on any of the city lakes, you are required to have your Texas Parks & Wildlife fishing license and a City of Kaufman fishing permit, which cost:
 - ⇒ Ages under 12 & over 65 are free;
 - ⇒ \$2 daily or \$10 per year, per person, for city residents;
 - ⇒ \$5 daily or \$25 per year, per person, for outside the city limits.

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City Hall will be closed for the following Holidays:

Memorial Day on May 31st

Independence Day on July 4th

Labor Day on September 6th

Columbus Day on October 11th

Swimming Pools



Summer fun is kids splashing in a pool! But before you purchase a pool, make sure that you can meet the minimum requirements.

Any structure intended for swimming or recreational bathing that contains water over **24 inches** deep, falls under the classification of swimming pool.

You will need to obtain a permit before installing any blow up or storable above ground pool, below ground pool, spa and/or hot tub.



You will also need to know where your overhead or underground utilities are before applying for the permit.

All pools, spa and/or hot tub must be enclosed with a secure fence, not less than four foot (4') high, that has a self-closing and self-latching gate.

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Fireworks: Fireworks are prohibited in the City of Kaufman. It shall be unlawful for any person to manufacture, assemble, store, transport, receive, keep, sell, offer for sale, use, discharge, cause to be discharged, ignite, detonate, fire or have in his possession any fireworks, of any description, within the corporate limits of the city or within a distance of 5,000 feet from the city.



Mosquitoes: For a full list of how to *Stop Mosquitoes Before They Get Out Of Control*, contact the Public Works Department for an informative brochure. The Kaufman Ordinance states it shall be unlawful to have, keep, maintain, cause or allow any collection of standing or flowing water in which mosquitoes breed or are likely to breed, unless such collection of water is treated so as to effectively prevent such breeding.



Loud Noises: No loud or excessive noises between the hours of 10 pm thru 7 am. That includes, but is not limited to, television and radio; any musical instrument, amplifier, loudspeaker; loading & unloading of any vehicle; erecting, demolishing, and/or repairing a building; excessive barking of dogs. It also includes loud noises from the home, yard, vehicle, and/or business.

Watching The Grass Grow!

- If your grass, weeds, and/or brush are any higher than 12 inches, you need to **mow now**.
- That would include the front, back and side yards, alleys, easements, parkways, drainage ditches and curb lines.
- Also remember to keep the sidewalks, in front of the property, free & clear of any debris.

Recycle Your Oil For Free!!

You can take your used oil to the Kaufman County Maintenance Barn located at 600 North Nash Street in Kaufman.



High Electric Bill?

Request an “Energy Efficiency Audit” from your electric company.

⇒ Trinity Valley Electric at 972-932-2214, offers a free evaluation program.

⇒ Oncore at 866-728-3674, offers a variety of programs, including some free programs.