

Citizens of Leon Valley Welcome Three New Firefighter/Paramedic Positions

During the last budgeting cycle, three new (3) firefighter/paramedic positions were added as recommended by the outside consultant group of Fitch & Associates. This group was hired to review the staffing levels of the Fire, Police and Public Works Departments.

This is the first time since 1988 that the Fire Department has received additional positions. The population of Leon Valley at that time was approximately 8,000 residents; however, with the additions of various apartment complexes and subdivisions, the current population is around 12,000 residents. These new Fire Department positions

also align with needs of the new houses being built in the City and where some residential homes are within five (5) feet of each other.

Our firefighter/paramedics work shifts of 48 hours on duty and 96 hours off. Prior to these additional positions, the Fire Chief, Assistant Fire Chief, or the Fire Marshall would personally have to supplement the staffing to create the minimum staffing levels needed per shift.

Citizen Participation needed for Fiscal Year 2027 Budget

New budget presentations will begin starting by March 2026 to discuss the preliminary needs and priorities of the Fiscal Year 2027 budget. Citizen participation is needed during these discussions.

In September 2025, the Leon Valley (LV) City Council voted to increase the property tax rate from \$0.484739 per \$100 in taxable property value to \$0.545040 per \$100 in taxable property value. The increase

was attributed to two main factors that included:

1. LV overall taxable property value decreasing by over \$46 Million (\$31M in multi-family; \$10M in single family; and \$5M in Commercial property). The overall dollar effect was losing approximately \$224,000 in Ad Valorem Tax revenue when costs of the city's operations are increasing.

2. Three (3) firefighter/EMT positions were added as recommended by an outside consultant that was hired to review the staffing of the Fire Department.

Prior to any consideration of a tax rate increase there was a \$379,336 decrease in the areas of personnel, supplies, and contractual costs from the prior year's budget. Without the tax rate increase, the city would not have been able to balance the 2026 budget at the old tax rate and would not have been able to add the 3 additional firefighter/paramedic positions needed.

Leon Valley City Updates

By Philip Campos, Place 3



Bulk Pickup Changes in Effect

Spring Bulk Item Clean-up Week Begins

February 23, 2026!

Place items at the curb beginning February 16 - 20.

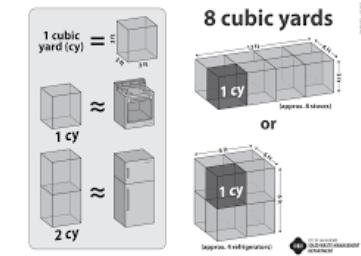
City Council recently approved updates to the rules for large item pickup to help keep our neighborhoods cleaner and ensure everyone receives consistent service.

→ **What's Different?**

Large item pickup will still take place twice a year, but there is now a strict limit of 8 cubic yards of acceptable items per household. This is the same amount allowed in the City's contract with Tiger Sanitation.

In the past, many homes placed out much larger piles—often from large tree trimming jobs. This caused residents to be charged extra by Tiger Sanitation for going over the limit. The City had temporarily been covering these costs, but we will no longer be able to do so.

Visual Representation of Eight (8) Cubic Yards



→ **Important Reminder About Tree Trimming**

If you hire a commercial tree service, they are required to remove all limbs, branches, and trunks they cut. Please make sure they haul away their debris—items left by contractors should not be placed out for bulk pickup.

→ **Starting Now**

The new rules take effect with the Spring 2026 Large Item Pickup, scheduled for February 23–28, 2026.

Residents will be responsible for any overage charges billed by Tiger Sanitation or another hauler. If extra items remain at the curb for more than 10 days after the event, the City will remove them and charge the property owner or renter. Unpaid charges may result in a privileged lien being placed on the property.

QUESTIONS? WE'RE HERE TO HELP!

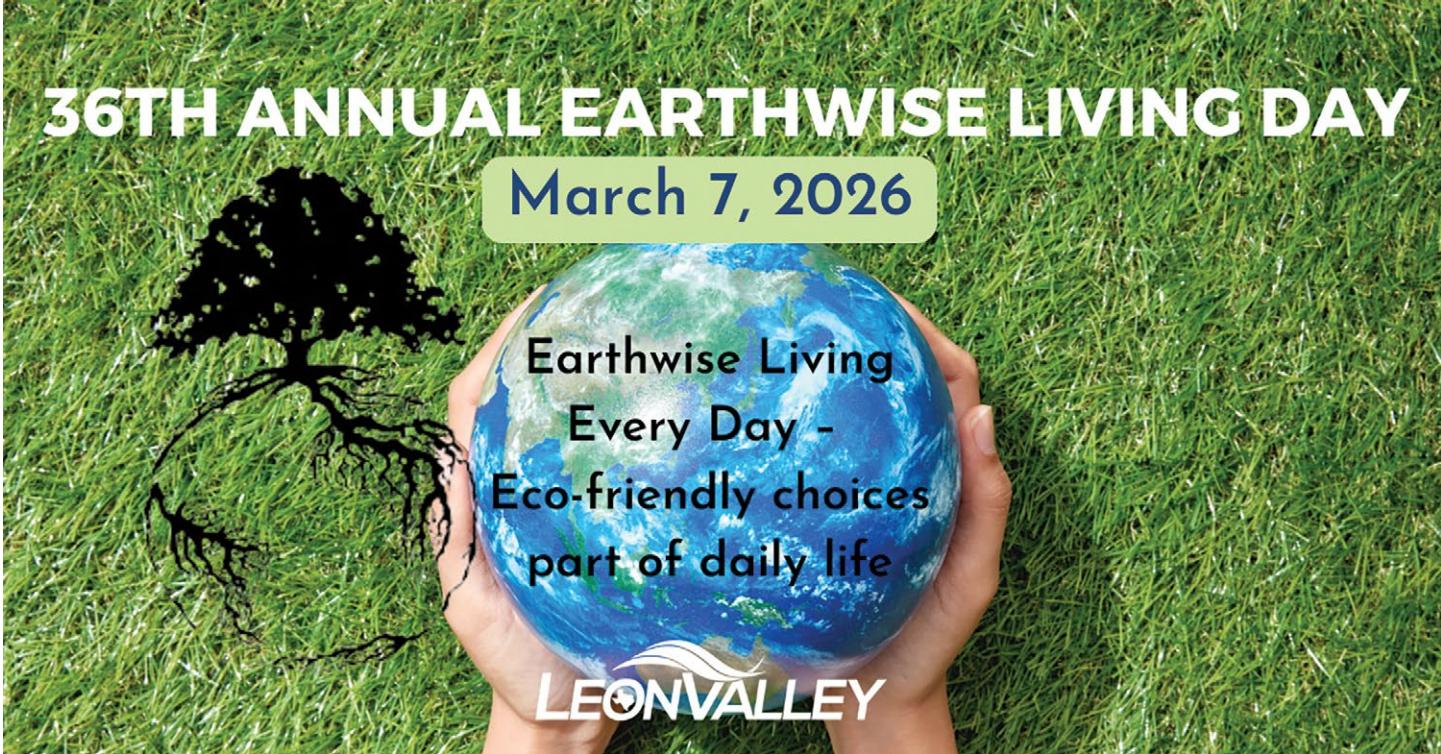
We're happy to answer any questions about what can be placed out or how to stay within the 8-cubic-yard limit.



Thank you for helping keep Leon Valley clean and beautiful!

36TH ANNUAL EARTHWISE LIVING DAY

March 7, 2026



Earthwise Living
Every Day -
Eco-friendly choices
part of daily life

LEON VALLEY

Warrant Fee Changes

HB 2282 changed the amount of the warrant fee from \$50.00 to \$75.00 which became effective September 1, 2025. The warrant fee is applied when executing or processing an arrest warrant, capias, or capias pro fine.

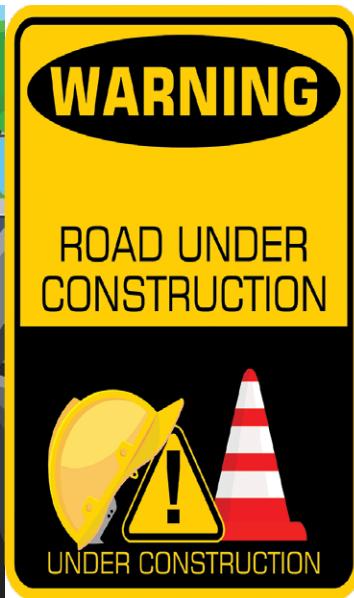
Applying the fee per the rules depends on both the **date of offense** and the **timing of assessment of the fee**. The increase does not apply to every case on the effective date of HB 2882.

The amendment of Article 102.011(a), Code of Criminal Procedure holds the court to examine cases even further for eligibility in applying the \$75.00 fee.

Texas Municipal Court Education Center (TMCEC) created a simplified chart of putting together the rules for applying warrant fees.

Offense Date	Fee Assessed (time of judgment or later)	Result
Before Sept 1, 2025	Any time	\$50.00
On or after Sept 1, 2025	Fee assessed before Jan 1, 2026	\$50.00
On or after Sept 1, 2025	Fee assessed on/after Jan 1, 2026	\$75.00

To sum it all up, the court cannot assume the \$75.00 fee applies automatically on September 1, 2025. The court must meet statutory requirements when assessing the fee on a case.



The Leon Valley Police Department reminds residents to use caution while driving in and around the city. In today's environment, drivers must remain alert to the many distractions present on local roadways.

Leon Valley is home to several heavily traveled thoroughfares, including Bandera, Evers, Eckhert, Huebner, Grissom, Wurzbach, and I-410. Along these routes, drivers will encounter a mix of courteous and discourteous motorists, increasing the need for patience and awareness.

Aggressive drivers who speed through the area without regard for traffic signals, congestion, or other roadway users pose a serious risk to public safety. Likewise, inattentive drivers who use mobile devices or disregard traffic signs and signals create equally dangerous conditions.

Drivers in and around Leon Valley should also remain mindful of additional hazards, including construction zones, school zones, pedestrians, bicyclists, wildlife such as deer, and domestic animals including dogs and cats.

Drivers in Leon Valley must drive defensively and should:

- Stay focused and alert
- Maintain a safe following distance
- Frequently scan their surroundings
- At night, dusk, dawn and during periods of fog use vehicle headlights wisely
- Know your vehicle
- Adjust to road conditions
- Be prepared for the unexpected

If you encounter an aggressive, distracted, or impaired driver:

- Stay calm
- Do not confront him/her
- Allow him/her to pass
- Report to police when possible and when safe to do so



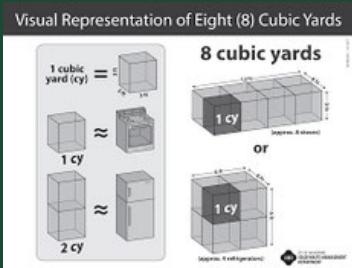
LV SPRING CLEANUP

PLACE ITEMS AT CURB:

FEB. 16 - 20, 2026



Reminder: Beginning with the February bulk pickup, there is a strict limit of 8 cubic yards per household. Residents are responsible for any overage charges billed by Tiger Sanitation or another hauler, and items left at the curb more than 10 days after the event may be removed by the City with costs charged to the property owner or renter. Unpaid charges may result in a privileged lien on the property.



8 cubic yards

No Hazardous Waste

Collection begins Feb. 23



Questions:
210-681-1232

Together, we can keep Leon Valley clean!



Free Dog Vaccination and Microchip Drive

Saturday February 7, 2026
9 AM to Noon
Leon Valley Conference Center

Sign up below



***Free Rabies only
Other vaccine available for cost
Free Rabies for Leon Valley
Residents**

**THE 31ST ANNUAL
BASURA BASH
HOSTED BY RIVER AID SAN ANTONIO**

Become A Basura Bash Volunteer Today!
Clean It, Like You Mean It!

The 31st Basura Bash will be on
March 7th, 2026

Zarzamora Creek – Leon Valley – HEB

Check-in begins at 8:30 AM at the Meeting Point below – Cleanup from at 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM!
The Zarzamora Creek Tributary cleanup will reach from the Leon Valley city limits below Bandera Road, and will end at Evers Road, above IH-410. It is an engineered channel close to very busy thoroughfares and elevated highways. Registration will be in the HEB parking lot at 5601 Bandera Road, in the last row of parking spaces beside the creek. There will be a sign to direct participants to the correct location.

Meeting Point and Parking: HEB parking lot at 5601 Bandera Road

Start Point: Evers Road

End Point: Just past Bandera Road

Remaining Volunteer Spots: 83

Tributary Leader: David Dimaline and Maggie Hernandez

Email: d.dimaline@leonvalleytexas.gov CC:

Attire: Long pants, closed toe shoes, (long sleeve shirt recommended). If you have work gloves, please bring them. Sunscreen and bug repellent is also encouraged. Water will be provided but please bring a Reuseable Water Bottle!

Leon Valley Public Library

Digital Resources



Libby.

The library reading app.

- Quick and easy setup! Just follow the prompts to start reading
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- Lifelong learning with PBS
- A rich international selection representing cinema from around the world
- Movies in non-English languages
- Compelling documentaries





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CITY MEETINGS

All meetings at City Hall unless otherwise specified. All meetings subject to change due to Covid-19

City Council

1st & 3rd Tuesday - 6:30 p.m.

Board Of Adjustment

Meets as required

Citizens Police Advisory Committee

Quarterly, 3rd Wednesday - 6:00 p.m.

Coffee with the Mayor

Quarterly, 4th Saturday - 9 -11 a.m.

Earthwise Living Committee

2nd Wednesday -

5:45 p.m. City Hall

Economic and Community

Development Advisory Committee

Meets as needed

Library Board

2nd Thursday - 5:30 p.m. - Library

Park Commission

2nd Thursday - 6:00 p.m. -

Conference Center

Planning & Zoning Commission

4th Tuesday - 6:30 p.m.

CITY NUMBERS

Keep these numbers handy

Emergency Number for POLICE, FIRE and EMS 911

City Web Site Address www.leonvalleytexas.gov

City Hall 210-684-1391

Animal Control & 210-684-6557

Code Compliance 210-684-8897

Non-Emergency 210-684-3219

Fire 210-684-3215

Police 210-684-3215

Human Resources 210-684-1391

Dead Animal 210-684-1391

Pickup 210-684-6557

Public Works 210-681-1232

Library 210-684-0720

Tiger Sanitation 210 333-4287

Community Center 210-684-1391 ext. 228

City Hall, non-emergency Police and Fire operations may be contacted at the above numbers Monday - Thursday, 7:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Friday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Closed weekends and holidays.

Public Works Monday - Friday 7:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

