



# THIS IS EL DORADO

## Dump Truck Program underway for 2026

Do you have some Spring cleaning that is more than your trash can can handle? The City of El Dorado is offering its Dump Truck Program again this year, beginning April 13.

The trucks can be reserved Monday through Thursday and will be dropped off by 4 p.m., then picked up by 7 a.m. the following morning. A \$35 fee will apply, plus a \$12

fee for each mattress or box spring. Limbs must be loaded on the top of the load and appliances placed closest to the tailgate.

No tires, hazardous materials, leaves, grass, concrete or remodeling/construction debris.

Reservations can be made starting April 1 by calling 322-4481.

## What we do: Code Enforcement

The City of El Dorado is committed to maintaining a clean, safe and attractive environment for all residents. That's where Code Enforcement comes in! We're here to help preserve our neighborhood's quality and ensure everyone enjoys a high quality of life.

### What do we look for?

Our Code Enforcement officers address various concerns, including:

- **Property maintenance:** We ensure properties are well-maintained and hazard-free. This includes:
  - o Overgrown grass and weeds
  - o Accumulation of trash and debris
  - o Dilapidated structures



o Unsafe or unsanitary conditions

- **Junk vehicles:** Inoperable or abandoned vehicles can become eyesores and attract pests. We work to ensure they are removed or properly stored.

- **Nuisance violations:** We address issues that disrupt our neighborhoods, such as accumulations of trash and debris, illegal dumping and improper storage of hazardous materials.

- **Building code violations:** We ensure that construction and renovation projects comply with the adopted building codes (ICC) to protect public safety.

Learn more at [www.eldoks.gov](http://www.eldoks.gov).

## Sales Tax Street Projects include 72,000 yards of overlay

The City of El Dorado received bids for the City's 2026 Street Rehabilitation Project, continuing the community's investment in neighborhood street improvements.

The 2026 Sales Tax Surface Preservation Project includes about 72,008 square yards of overlay work on Denver Street, Emporia Street, Fifth Avenue, Fourth

Avenue, Second Avenue, First Avenue, Hillside Street, Eunice Street, Lynn Court, Arthur Street, Ohio Street, Dellway Street, Jones Street and Rado Avenue.

You can learn more about street conditions and cost analysis, as well as a five-year capital improvement program at [eldoks.gov/PavementManagementPlan](http://eldoks.gov/PavementManagementPlan).

## Community Events

- **May 1**  
Music Bingo @ Senior Center
  - **May 4 & 18**  
City Commission Meetings
  - **May 4**  
Potluck @ Senior Center
  - **May 6**  
Women in Business Conference  
Chamber Chat  
K-State Garden Hour
  - **May 7**  
Mayor's Prayer Breakfast
  - **May 8**  
Coffee and Collections @ Oil Museum
  - **May 9**  
Pancake Feed @ American Legion
  - **May 11**  
Crafty Senior Society @ Senior Center
  - **May 13**  
Teen Manga Club @ Library
  - **May 15**  
Music Bingo @ Senior Center  
Homeschool Days @ Oil Museum
  - **May 16**  
Reelin' for Leftie Fishing Tournament  
Community Art Group @ Oil Museum  
Voices of Butler County Cafe Night
  - **May 19**  
Coutts Brown Bag Program  
Book Club @ Bradford Library
  - **May 22**  
Live Band @ Senior Center
  - **May 23**  
Priscilla's Pet Pantry @ 400 W. Ash
  - **May 25**  
Memorial Day - City Offices Closed  
Monday trash picked up on Wednesday
  - **May 26**  
Rosie's Readers @ Equality El Dorado
- Reoccurring events:**
- Thursdays - Elks Bingo @ Elks Lodge  
Toddler Time & Builder's Club @ Library  
Coffee Group @ Equality El Dorado
  - Fridays - Preschool Story Time @ Library
  - Saturdays -  
Maker Space @ KS Oil Museum



## Commission Action

### March meetings

- The mayor read proclamations for Severe Weather Preparedness Week and World Down Syndrome Day.
- El Dorado Inc. and El Dorado Senior Center presented their annual reports.
- The Commission levied special assessments for improvements to Adlesperger-Smith Addition, Phase III.
- The Commission authorized improvements for the East River Road Lift Station and approved the bid from Nowak Construction.
- The Commission approved an agreement with Olsson for design and bid-phase services for an airport runway maintenance project, pending completion of an independent fee estimate and FAA concurrence, and authorizes the city manager to apply for the FAA Federal Grant Application.
- The Commission allocated the liquor tax funds, including \$8,988.86 to the Sunlight Children's Advocacy Center; \$17,977.72 to the Family Life Center; and \$10,786.63 to Tri-County CASA.
- The Commission accepted a petition for off-street parking improvements to benefit 308 and 318 W. Central and authorized the project.
- The Commission adopted the City's Pavement Management Plan.
- The Commission amended the City's Zoning Regulations.
- The Commission rezoned 2600 W. Sixth Ave. from Light Industrial to Office Institutional District.
- The Commission rezoned about 30 acres north of West Sixth Avenue, west of Constant Creek, east of the Turnpike and south of the Union Pacific Railroad from light industrial to multiple family dwelling district.
- The Commission approved the bid of Mayer Specialty Services for Sanitary Sewer Rehab Project No. 638 Cured-In-Place-Pipe Sewer Lining.
- The Commission approved a bid from Dondlinger Construction for the Water Treatment Plant Valve and Actuator Project.

## What's happening in the City...

# ELDO<sup>KS</sup> Department Updates

### Parks and Recreation

- Youth baseball and softball teams have been formed and practices began in March. Games will begin April 27. T-ball registrations are being accepted through April 13.
- Construction has started on the new bullpen at Hamblin Field; it is slated for completion prior to the first game.
- Staff have installed planter boxes and water hydrants in preparation for opening a community garden area this spring. More information will be released soon.

### Engineering

- Zoning amendments moved forward near Fire Station No. 2, including corrective zoning for the fire station property and proposed rezoning of nearby City-owned land to support future residential development. This helps position the area for future housing opportunities and better aligns zoning with long-term land use goals.
- The Commission considered a targeted housing amendment package aimed at making it easier to add attainable housing.
- The KTA and KDOT/K-254 interchange study evaluated safety, traffic operations, access needs and long-term improvement options. The concept recommended moving forward and outlined the coordination and funding steps needed before any future design or construction could begin.

### Administration

- The City received the Award for Excellence for the 2024 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report.
- April Utility Bills will include the new sewer averages. This is an average of the usage on your December-February bills (billed in January-March). Please contact the office at 321-9100 option 1 if you have any questions.

### Experience El Dorado

- Explore community events at [experienceeldo.com](http://experienceeldo.com). Mark your calendar for the Farmer's & Art Market, America's 250, Gold Fest, and plenty more community favorites!

### Public Utilities

- A major Water Treatment Plant improvement item was advanced to replace aging valves and actuators critical to filter operation and plant reliability. The project covers all five filters and is intended to reduce the risk of equipment failure, improve long-term dependability and protect consistent treatment performance.
- A sanitary sewer rehabilitation project came forward for action, focusing on proactive repairs in selected areas of the collection system before larger failures occur. The project includes cleaning and televising sewer main, installing formed PVC liner and rehabilitating manholes, all aimed at extending the life of existing infrastructure with less disruption and lower long-term cost than full replacement.

### Public Works

- The Department is now taking reservations for the Dump Truck Program.
- Public Works Street Department employee Dustyn McEachern and Public Utilities Water Department employee Dravin Fowler completed their CDLs recently.

### Fire Dept.

- Volunteer training for the Department and fire extinguisher training for a local company were held in February.
- Firefighters visited the YMCA Kids Zone.
- Year to date, the Department has had 221 EMS calls, 34 fire calls and 130 other calls.