

April 20, 2020

## A Message from Mayor Rios



Wanted to share a couple of things ...

1. On Friday, Governor Abbott outlined a plan to “reopen” Texas. We shared information and links to the State web sites in the Friday Aransas County Message. On Wednesday, Judge Mills, Mayor Kendrick and I will be discussing it further during the Wednesday Live Briefing on the Facebook pages for the Rockport-Fulton Chamber and Rockport Pilot. We encourage you to view as live questions are taken during the event. If you’re unable to watch it at 9:00 am, the videos are available on their sites for later viewing.
2. We appreciate residents’ efforts in maintain the efficiency of our wastewater system. We have seen a decrease in non-decomposing items being flushed. You will recall from an earlier message that items such as “disposable” wipes, paper towels, and rags plug lines and damage pumps.
3. We are aware of the inconsistencies regarding the spring yard waste pickup and are working with Republic to get it corrected. If you feel that your property has been missed two times, please contact the Utility Customer Service Department at 729-2213, ext. 234 and provide us with the exact dates.
4. April 25-27 is the annual Emergency Preparation Supplies tax free weekend. One does NOT have to go into a store to make a purchase. Supplies purchased online or by telephone, mail, custom order, or any other means other than in person qualify for sales tax exemption when either the item is both delivered to, and paid for, by the customer during the exemption period; or the customer orders and pays for the item and the retailer accepts the order during the exemption period for immediate shipment, even if delivery is made after the exemption period.

These emergency preparation supplies qualify for tax exemption if purchased for a sales price:

- **Less than \$3,000**

- Portable generators
  
- **Less than \$300**
  - Emergency ladders
  - Hurricane shutters
- **Less than \$75**
  - Axes
  - Batteries, single or multipack (AAA cell, AA cell, C cell, D cell, 6 volt or 9 volt)
  - Can openers - nonelectric
  - Carbon monoxide detectors
  - Coolers and ice chests for food storage – nonelectric
  - Fire extinguishers
  - First aid kits
  - Fuel containers
  - Ground anchor systems and tie-down kits
  - Hatchets
  - Ice products - reusable and artificial
  - Light sources - portable self-powered (including battery operated)
    - Examples of items include candles, flashlights and lanterns
  - Mobile telephone batteries and mobile telephone chargers
  - Radios - portable self-powered (including battery operated) - includes two-way and weather band radios
  - Smoke detectors
  - Tarps and other plastic sheeting

For additional information, visit <https://cityofrockport.com/Archive.aspx?ADID=2958>.

The Stay at Home Order continues until 11:59 pm on April 30.

***Remember -- through facts, not fear we'll come through it.***