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INCREASED RESIDENTIAL RECYCLING RESULTS IN TRASH REDUCTION & SAVINGS: SOLID WASTE COLLECTION DAYS TO SHIFT IN TWO NEIGHBORHOODS

ANN ARBOR, Mich., April 11, 2011 — After launching an expanded recycling program using convenient recycling carts and Recyclebank incentives last summer, the City of Ann Arbor is able to realize overall solid waste collection efficiencies and to eliminate one solid waste collection route each day.

After reconfiguring the collection routes for trash, recycling, and seasonal compost pickups, only two Ann Arbor areas with curbside collection service will have a different solid waste collection day, effective the week of Monday, April 25, 2011.

- The residential locations bordered between Packard, S. Main, E. Huron, and S. State Street will shift from a Tuesday to a Monday pickup day.
- Residential locations bordered by Glazier Way, Huron Parkway, Plymouth Rd., and US 23 including University Commons and Glacier Hills will shift from a Wednesday to a Tuesday pickup day.
- Both neighborhoods will receive a postcard notification and informational cart hangers before the collection day shift.

Recycling doesn't pay its own way, but the combination of avoided landfill fees and the city's profit-sharing contract with the municipally-owned, privately-operated recycling plant helps offset the recycling collection and processing costs, according to McMurtrie. He explains that it costs less to handle recyclables than trash. And over time—as recycling markets continue to improve—these cost-saving benefits to the community and environment are expected to increase as more recycling and waste reduction behaviors continue to displace trash.

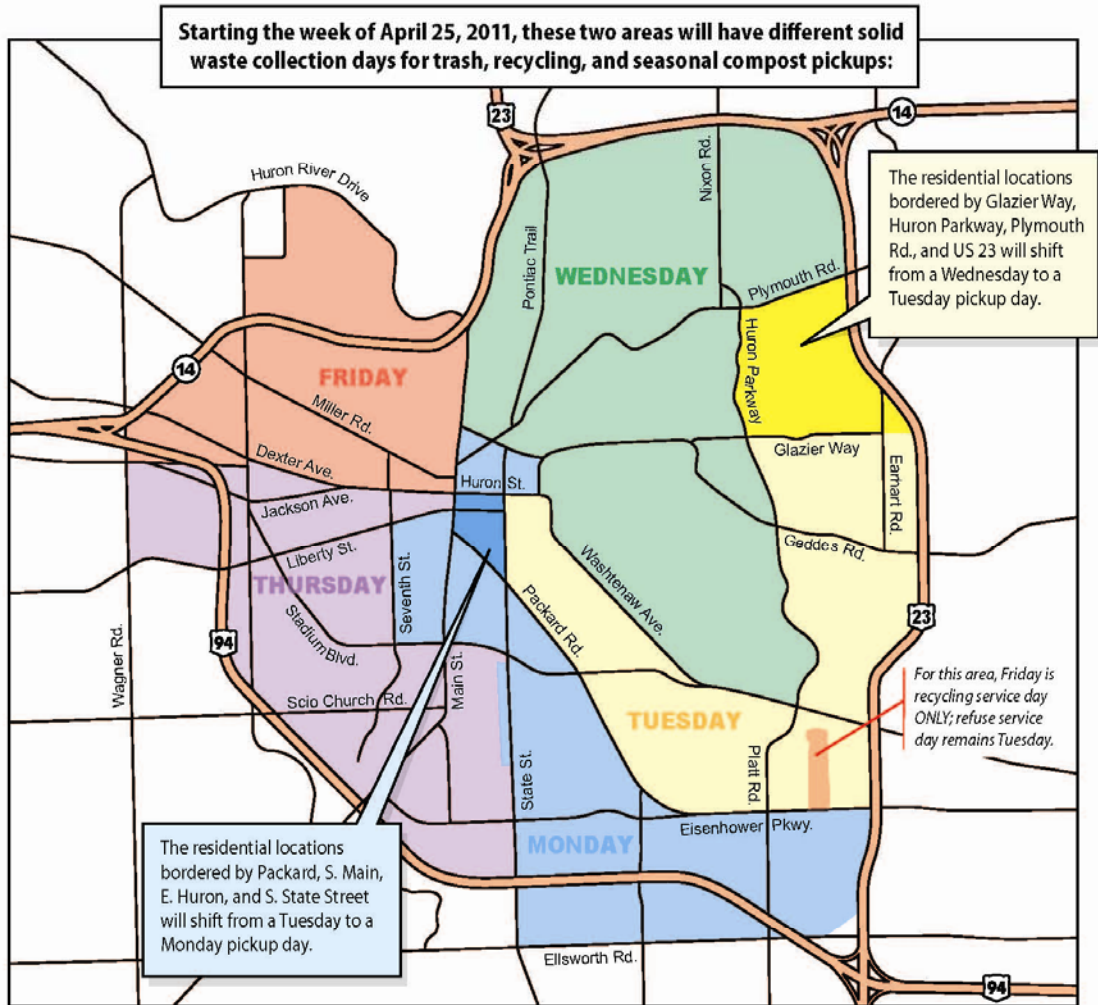
For more information on the City of Ann Arbor's solid waste programs, please consult the web at a2gov.org/recycle or phone 7334.994.7336 (99-GREEN).

Ann Arbor has 114,000 residents, spans 27.7 square miles, and is frequently recognized as a foremost place to live, learn, work, thrive and visit (www.a2gov.org/news). To keep up with City of Ann Arbor information, subscribe for e-mail updates (www.a2gov.org/subscribe), follow us on Twitter (<http://twitter.com/a2gov>) or become a city fan on Facebook (www.facebook.com/thecityofannarbor). The city's mission statement reads: The city of Ann Arbor is committed to providing excellent municipal services that enhance the quality of life for all through the intelligent use of resources while valuing an open environment that foster fair, sensitive and respectful treatment of all employees and the community we serve. ###

Recycling Saves!

Two route areas changing due to increased recycling efforts

The expanded recycling program that started last July has reduced the amount of trash collected from residents. The city can realize overall solid waste collection efficiencies and eliminate one solid waste collection truck route each day. Only two Ann Arbor areas with curbside collection service will be affected by the re-routing. Both neighborhoods will be notified via postcard three weeks before the change and will receive an informational cart hanger the week before the collection day shift.



The City of Ann Arbor provides weekly refuse collection, recycling collection, and seasonal compostables collection (April 1 through mid-December) to single-family, duplex and eligible multi-family residential locations. Residential refuse, recycling, and compost containers must be placed at the curb or designated collection site **before 7 a.m.** on the weekly collection day.

Please leave at least 3 feet between each category of materials set out for recycling, refuse and compostable collection. Disabled residents may request side door refuse collection service by calling the city at 994-2807. Solid waste containers must be stored at the side or rear of the dwelling and not placed at the curb more than 24 hours ahead of time. Empty containers must be removed from the curb within 12 hours of service. Carts must be clear of ice and snow to allow safe access for collectors. Thank you.