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NEWS RELEASE

Trash, Recycling Collection Schedules Changing for Thanksgiving Holiday

"Roll it to Monday" Campaign to Benefit Customers, Drivers

El Paso, Texas – If your trash and recycling bins are regularly collected on a Thursday or Friday, your garbage collection day will be modified for the Thanksgiving holiday weekend.

"For more than 20 years, our drivers have worked during the Thanksgiving holiday weekend. This year, to give our drivers the chance to enjoy the holiday weekend with their families and friends, we are modifying our Thanksgiving collection schedule," said Ellen Smyth, Director of the City of El Paso Environmental Services Department (ESD).

Collections scheduled for November 28-29, 2019, a Thursday and Friday, will be rolled to Monday, December 2, 2019. To boost awareness about the change, ESD is launching its "Roll it to Monday" outreach campaign.

Approximately 80,000 homes have their trash and recyclables collected on a Thursday or Friday. Typically, bins are not collected on Thanksgiving Day but instead two days later on the make-up day the holiday. Last year only 38 percent of households set their bins out on the day after Thanksgiving, and 40 percent of homes set their bins out on the make-up day for the holiday.

Some of the most common reasons customers cited for not setting their bins out during the holiday weekend include; being out of town, fear of burglaries if bins stay out for more than a day, and confusion over the collection schedule. The modified schedule will assist customers with these concerns.

To provide all ESD employees with the opportunity to observe the holiday weekend, the Greater El Paso Landfill, at 2600 Darrington Road, and all Citizen Collection Stations will observe the modified holiday schedule. The landfill and Citizen Collection Stations will be closed on November 28-30 and will open from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. on December 2.

THANKSGIVING COLLECTIONS SCHEDULE

- Collections for Nov. 28-29, 2019, a Thursday and Friday, will be rolled to Monday, Dec. 2, 2019.
- Only gray trash bins will be collected under this holiday schedule, and they should be left out until they are emptied. Customers should wait to set out their blue recycling bins until their next regular collection day.
- To help customers get rid of excess Thanksgiving holiday waste, homes affected by this schedule may place bagged trash next to their gray bins for collection at no extra charge.

CHECK YOUR COLLECTION SCHEDULE

- To view your holiday collection schedule, download the free ESD Works For You app or visit <https://www.elpasotexas.gov/ESD>.

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