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DeKalb Implements New Residential Garbage and Recycling Container Collection Procedure Countywide

Procedure takes effect Oct. 19

DECATUR, Ga. – The DeKalb County Sanitation Division announces it will **no longer service third-party or customer-provided garbage or recycling containers** placed at the curb for collection on residents' designated sanitation collection day. Only county-issued garbage roll carts and recycling containers will be serviced. Third-party or customer-provided yard trimmings containers are exempt from this procedure, which takes effect **Monday, Oct. 19**.

This new procedure assists in reducing employee injuries, and minimizes liability and maintenance concerns with handling and processing third-party containers. Residents not in compliance after Oct. 19 will be issued a notice advising of the use of an unapproved container.

Customers who do not have a county-issued garbage roll cart, or would like to join the recycling program and obtain a county-issued 18-gallon recycling bin should contact the Sanitation Division's customer service team at 404-294-2900 or sanitation@dekalbcountyga.gov. The use of secure, durable plastic bags for excess garbage disposal is permitted with the new procedure if county-issued garbage roll carts are inadequate to meet customers' garbage disposal needs.

Phase II of the sanitation service change program, which will focus on recycling, is expected to begin late October. Recycling roll carts with a 65-gallon capacity will be available during Phase II for a one-time fee of \$15. More information on Phase II will be provided in the coming weeks.

For program updates or more details about the sanitation service change, including a comprehensive list of frequently asked questions (FAQ), contact the Sanitation Division's customer service team at 404-294-2900 or sanitation@dekalbcountyga.gov, or visit the "Rolling Forward to One" program website at www.rollingforwardtoone.com.

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