



CITY OF TEXARKANA, TEXAS

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Hopefully, you have heard and/or read that the City of Texarkana, Texas is beginning an enhanced RECYCLING program on January 4, 2010. Every residence within Texarkana, Texas which is served by Texarkana Water Utilities will receive a 96 gallon green trash cart and a 65 gallon recycling cart with a yellow lid. There will be information on the lid which details what can be placed in the recycling cart (a copy is enclosed for you with this mailing along with a refrigerator magnet with helpful telephone numbers). Cart delivery will begin on December 21 so that all households have their new carts prior to the program's kick-off the first full week in January, 2010.

We will be going to one-day per week collection with waste, recycling, and green waste all collected on the same day. All carts must be at curbside (within 3 feet of the curb on your property – NOT in the street) for pick-up no later than 7:00 a.m. on your pick-up day and may be set out the night before. Carts should be returned to where they are stored by the evening of your pick-up day. If you currently have alley pick-up, this will remain the same.

YOUR PICK-UP DAY WILL BE:

Please note that recyclables are to be placed directly in the recycling cart – not bagged. Waste is to be placed in a bag and then put in the green waste cart. Please do not place anything other than recyclables in the cart with the yellow lid. Waste Management staff will be trained to check the recycling cart and will not empty it if it contains waste material that would contaminate the entire recycling truck.

If you are disabled or elderly and have no one at your residence to assist you with getting your carts to the curb, please call the Texarkana, Texas Water Department (TWU) at 903 798-3800 to request assistance. Waste Management personnel will provide 'back-door service' and will take your carts to and from the truck for you at no charge. They will request verification of this need through your healthcare provider.

Green waste (yard/shrub clippings and leaves) will no longer go into the landfill – it will be taken to the South State Line composting site. For that reason, green waste can be placed in your existing trash cans/carts with no limit to the number used. Green waste can also be placed in biodegradable bags which can be purchased at local home improvement stores. Your green waste containers will be collected on the same day of the week as your waste and recycling. You can continue to cut any sticks/limbs in four foot lengths and tie them in bundles not to exceed 40 pounds.

The City of Texarkana, Texas along with our partner, Waste Management, is excited and proud to launch this enhanced recycling initiative. With a little effort by each of us, we will make a huge difference for our community environment. If you have any questions or need additional information, please call (903) 794-4111.

Keep Texarkana Beautiful...RECYCLE!



All-in-One Recycling



YES



PAPER

- Newspapers
- Paperback books
- Office paper
- Junk mail
- Magazines
- Phone books



CARDBOARD/PAPERBOARD

- Empty/Clean beverage cartons
- Empty juice containers

FLATTEN OR CUT ALL CARDBOARD



CANS

Aluminum and tin cans

**EMPTY AND RINSE ALL
FOOD/BEVERAGE CONTAINERS**



PLASTICS

- Plastic containers (#1 - 7 accepted)
- Water bottles
- Milk jugs
- Yogurt containers
- Detergent bottles
- Colored containers are accepted

**REMOVE CAPS AND PLACE
IN THE RECYCLE CART**

- *Recyclables must be placed directly in Recycle Cart – not in plastic bags*
- *All items must be inside Recycle Cart*
- *Place carts at the curb by 7:00 A.M. on your pick up day*
- *Place carts at least 3 feet from any stationary object such as car, utility pole, or mailbox*
- *Place carts with wheels facing AWAY from the street*

NO

GLASS

- Food contamination
- Plastic bags
- Paint
- Styrofoam
- Sharp metal
- Hazardous or Medical waste
- Household cleaners
- Garden chemicals

* Light bulbs or Fluorescent tubes

* Batteries

(*visit website below)

For any questions PLEASE PHONE 903-794-4111

***www.thinkgreenfromhome.com**



RESOURCES TO BE PROVIDED

Containers

96 gallon waste cart (green) and 65 gallon recycling cart (green w/yellow lid)

Delivery

Beginning week of 12/21/09

Start of Recycling Program

Monday, 1/4/2010

COLLECTION OF WASTE AND RECYCLABLES

Collection one day per week – ALL carts and green waste collected on same day of week

No Saturday collection – except Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day collected on following Saturday

Carts must be at curb side (within 3 feet of curb/NOT on street) except for disabled and/or elderly residents requiring assistance

No non-approved containers or bags except for Christmas holiday collection

GREEN WASTE

Yard Clippings, Leaves, Shrub/Plant Clippings

Disposition

Paper yard bags or personal waste containers

NO plastic waste bags

All green waste taken to TWU compost site –not placed in landfill

Sticks/Limbs

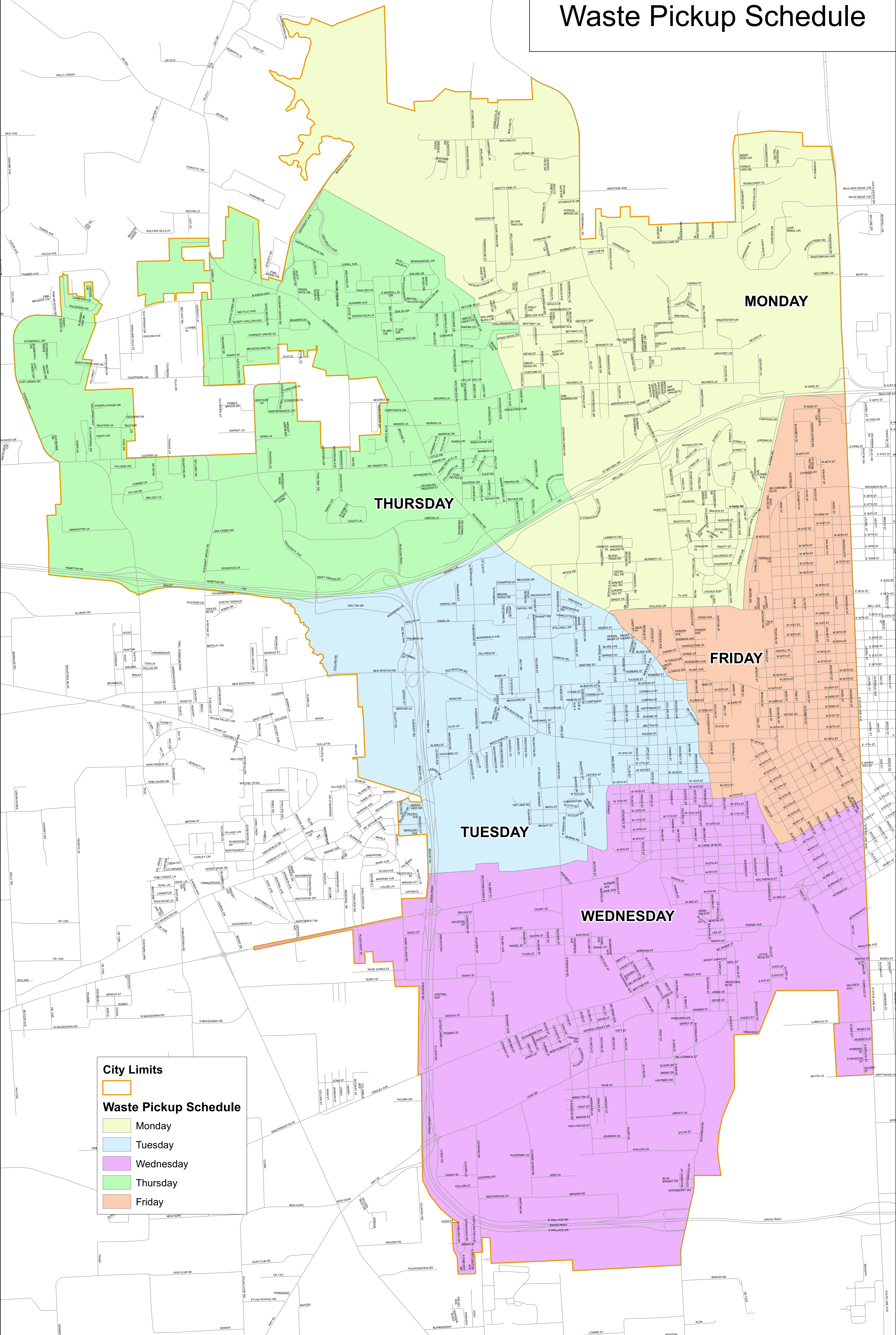
4" or less in diameter – cut in 4' lengths and bundled

Not to exceed 40 lbs. (no change to current procedure)

Questions 903 794-4111



City of Texarkana, TX Waste Pickup Schedule



City Limits

Waste Pickup Schedule

- Monday
- Tuesday
- Wednesday
- Thursday
- Friday

MONDAY

THURSDAY

TUESDAY

FRIDAY

WEDNESDAY