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**MAYOR JERRY SANDERS
FACT SHEET**

**CITY OF SAN DIEGO TO CHANGE TRASH
COLLECTION SCHEDULES**

Mayor announces savings of \$4.4 million through streamlining

Starting the week of Monday, July 12, 2010, the City of San Diego's Environmental Services Department (ESD) will implement new, more efficient routes for trash, recycling and yard waste collection services provided by City forces. The redesigned routes require drivers to work four 10-hour shifts each week, which will save the City \$4.4 million and reduce the workforce by 40 positions. For almost all city residents, the days of trash pick-up won't change.

"This is a perfect example of making government more efficient," Mayor Jerry Sanders said.

"We are making changes that produce big savings with minimal public impact."

ESD Director Chris Gonaver said, "This is a new way of doing business for us as we continue to look for ways to streamline our operations and reduce the cost to taxpayers without compromising the quality of service that residents expect from us."

Important facts about the new trash/recycling schedule:

- Unless you're one of the 862 customers living in Liberty Station, your trash pick-up day won't change. It will remain the same day of the week after July 12th as it is today.
- Those 862 Liberty Station residents will see their trash pick-up days change from Mondays to Tuesdays.
- Collection times might change. To avoid confusion, waste containers must be placed at curb by 6 a.m. on collection day.
- Residents will continue to put out their recycling on the same days they put out their trash. It's only their designated weeks that might change.
- The City's trash, recycling and yard waste collection schedule will no longer observe Veteran's Day, Martin Luther King Jr. Day, President's Day and Cesar Chavez Day. Trash, recycling and yard waste collection will continue during those holiday weeks on the regular Monday through Friday collection schedules.
- Collection will continue to be delayed by one day following Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day holidays.
- *However, in December 2010, collection will occur on December 24 and December 31 allowing our employees to enjoy the Christmas and New Year's holidays at home with their families.*

Every residence should have received a mailing about the changes. This mailing included an explanatory letter and an 18-month Curbside Recycling Calendar announcing the changes beginning July 12.

Residents can find out details about their specific new schedules by calling 858-694-7000 or visiting the city's Web site after July 10 at www.sandiego.gov/environmental-services. The site offers access to a printable 2010/2011 Curbside Recycling Calendar, provides residents with the types of City collection services offered at their addresses, lists what can and cannot be recycled in their blue recycling bin, and displays the City's recognized holidays when trash, recycling and yard waste collections are delayed by one day.

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