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City Reroutes Garbage Services in North Houston

The City of Houston Solid Waste Management Department (SWMD) will be rerouting garbage collection in the north side of Houston beginning June 29, 2009. As a result of this rerouting process, the service days for residential garbage and yard trimmings collection will change for 85,600 homes.

“The City is rerouting the north side to provide better customer services, balance service routes, and save taxpayer dollars,” said Harry J. Hayes, SWMD Director. Hayes added, “We expect savings of \$250,000 annually. That’s a big deal in today’s economy.”

The SWMD will be mailing postcards to those residents who will experience a garbage service day change. Additionally, the department will inform residents through CitizensNet e-blast, a phone bank, and the Solid Waste website. Ongoing meetings have been held with City Council offices and civic associations regarding the North Rerouting plans. *Heavy trash/tree waste and curbside recycling days will not change at this time.* The Department also is implementing a comprehensive plan to add more recycling neighborhoods and match recycling service and garbage collection days.

Residents may check online at www.houstonsolidwaste.org for the new north garbage collections map or may call 3-1-1, the City of Houston’s Customer Service Hotline for more information. To receive periodic e-mails from Mayor Bill White and the City of Houston on specific topics of interest, log onto www.houstontx.gov and register with CitizensNet by clicking on the CitizensNet graphic.

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