



CITY OF HOUSTON

Bill White

Mayor

July 28, 2008

Dear Resident:

Later this year, the City of Houston Solid Waste Department will change the way it collects your heavy trash. While the city will continue to collect Heavy Trash once each month, we are asking that you separate your tree waste from your other types of junk waste.

Beginning in October of 2008, the Solid Waste department will alternate the pick-up of Tree Waste and Junk Waste each month. The schedule is listed below.

"Tree Waste" is defined as "clean wood waste", which consists of tree limbs, branches and stumps. Lumber, furniture or treated wood will **not** be accepted on the day designated for tree waste. **"Junk Waste"** is defined as items such as furniture, appliances, and other bulky material. Collections will occur on your regularly scheduled heavy trash day, unless you are notified otherwise.

The change follows the successful completion of a Tree Waste Recycling Pilot Program. During the pilot that ran from October 1, 2007, to June 30, 2008, the city saved over \$185,632 from collections of just 47,000 homes, while diverting 5801 tons of recyclable tree waste from expensive landfill space.

This change will save Houstonians money in the long run by allowing us to put off the day when we have to buy additional, costly landfills, while recycling woody waste.

For questions or more information, please call 3-1-1 (713-837-0311), the City's Customer Service Hotline or log on to www.houstonsolidwaste.org. Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Harry J. Hayes in black ink.

Harry J. Hayes, Director
Solid Waste Management Department
City of Houston

| MONTH | COLLECTION |
|------------------|-------------------|
| October | Junk Waste |
| November | Tree Waste |
| December | Junk Waste |
| January | Tree Waste |
| February | Junk Waste |
| March | Tree Waste |
| April | Junk Waste |
| May | Tree Waste |
| June | Junk Waste |
| July | Tree Waste |
| August | Junk Waste |
| September | Tree Waste |