



# CITY OF HOUSTON

Office of the Mayor

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Mayor

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Dear Resident:

We are developing a new Tree Waste Recycling Pilot Program and we need your help. This program will help us save significant tax dollars and develop a successful green waste recycling system that can be expanded to all of Houston.

Tree waste makes up 30 to 40 percent of heavy trash volume we collect and send to landfills. Recycling this material is cheaper than landfilling it, plus it creates enormous savings for Houston taxpayers. Virtually all tree waste that is properly separated and bundled can be diverted from landfills and re-used.

**Here's where your cooperation is critical:** In January, May and September 2008, place your "Junk Waste" only (heavy trash) out on your scheduled heavy trash day. All other months between October 2007 and August 2008, place Tree Waste only at the curb on your scheduled heavy trash day. (See schedule on reverse side)

**"Tree Waste"** is considered tree limbs, branches, stumps, and bushes.

We are excited about the many benefits! If you have any questions or need further information, please call 3-1-1, the City's Customer Service Hotline or log on to [www.houstonsolidwaste.org](http://www.houstonsolidwaste.org). Thank you in advance for your cooperation and support on this important trendsetting program that will help us save your tax dollars, preserve our natural resources and divert material from the landfill.

Sincerely,

Bill White  
Mayor

**Tree Waste and Junk Waste  
Schedule**

**Collection is on your  
regularly scheduled heavy  
trash collection day!**

<b>October</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>Tree Waste</b>
<b>November</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>Tree Waste</b>
<b>December</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>Tree Waste</b>
<b>January</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>Junk Waste</b>
<b>February</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>Tree Waste</b>
<b>March</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>Tree Waste</b>
<b>April</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>Tree Waste</b>
<b>May</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>Junk Waste</b>
<b>June</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>Tree Waste</b>
<b>July</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>Tree Waste</b>
<b>August</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>Tree Waste</b>
<b>September</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>Junk Waste</b>

**For more information call  
3-1-1  
or visit our website  
[www.houstonsolidwaste.org](http://www.houstonsolidwaste.org)**

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING  
THE "TREE WASTE RECYCLING PILOT PROGRAM"**

- Place **only** your "Tree Waste" items at the curb on designated months. (Refer to your enclosed schedule and chart below.)
- "Tree Waste" is "clean wood waste" which consists of tree limbs, branches, stumps, and bushes. NO FURNITURE-TYPE WOOD.
- Place your "Junk Waste" items, which were previously referred to as "heavy trash" items, at the curb in January 2008, May 2008, and September 2008. The other months are **"Tree Waste"** only months.

Tree Waste Only			Junk Waste
October 2007	November 2007	December 2007	January 2008
February 2008	March 2008	April 2008	May 2008
June 2008	July 2008	August 2008	September 2008

Should you need to dispose of your "Junk Waste" prior to your scheduled day, please use one of the City's neighborhood depositories. The locations are listed below:

**NORTHEAST AREA**

5565 Kirkpatrick: 713-675-3208

**SOUTHEAST AREA**

9200 Lawndale: 713-926-1247

**NORTHWEST AREA**

6023 Windfern: 713-895-1003

**SOUTH AREA**

5100 Sunbeam: 713-738-1936

We appreciate your cooperation. The Solid Waste Management Department will keep you informed of any changes. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact 3-1-1, the City's Customer Service Hotline, or log on to our website at [www.houstonsolidwaste.org](http://www.houstonsolidwaste.org)