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Beginning January 1st Solid Waste Management Reduces Services

As the City faces unprecedented budget challenges, Solid Waste Management had to make cuts for 2010. The challenge was to determine how best to reduce the budget expenditures, while maintaining the highest possible level of service. Here are the changes that will affect you:

Large Item Pickup (LIP)

Service to be provided once every **9 weeks** instead of every 5 weeks. *Large items discarded outside of the scheduled week, will not be collected.* (Large Items include household furniture such as mattresses, chairs, etc.)

Overflow Trash Collection

This is for City-issued black barrel customers only. Overflow trash service will be provided once every **3 weeks** instead of weekly. (**Overflow trash= any household trash placed outside your City-issued, barrel**)

GET THE MOST OUT OF YOUR SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT SERVICES

Large Item Pickup



- Set out large items only during your LIP week. Find your scheduled dates by calling 3-1-1 or online at www.denvergov.org/trash. Collection of large items will occur on a scheduled basis ONLY. Large items discarded at other times will not be collected and can become an eyesore and create a hazard (attracting illegal dumping, other litter, and rodents).
- Discard a *maximum* of 5 large items per household in an LIP cycle (every 9 weeks).
- If your LIP items are in gently-used condition, consider donating your items to a local non-profit and reduce the amount of trash sent to the landfill!

BARREL Collection Customers

- Overflow trash will only be picked up during your scheduled overflow weeks. Find out your schedule by calling 3-1-1 or online at www.denvergov.org/trash.
- Maximize the use of your barrels and **bag all trash**. Barrels can be slightly overfilled past the top, but the height of the lid must NOT exceed 45 degrees about the barrel rim. Overfull barrels cannot be serviced.
- Do NOT place trash on top of lid and will result in your barrel not being serviced.



Overflow trash does not include large items. Large items should only be set out for collection on scheduled LIP collection weeks.

We encourage Denver residents to recycle acceptable materials whenever possible. Recycling helps save the City money, because it costs less to recycle than it does to landfill waste. If you are already recycling, then please pay close attention to whether there are items you are not regularly recycling at home. If you are not currently participating in the recycling program, visit us online at www.DenverGov.org/DenverRecycles or call **3-1-1** to sign up for recycling services. There is no charge for recycling service and it's easy to participate.

Recycle Your Tree- January 4th - 15th



Denver Recycles' annual **Treecycle** program will be collecting and recycling Christmas trees after the holiday season. The Christmas trees are ground into mulch, which is made available free to Denver residents in the spring at the "Treecycle Mulch Giveaway & LeafDrop Compost Sale." Treecycle helps Denver avoid using landfill space, paying disposal fees and allows the City to provide residents with a valuable resource, mulch made from used Christmas trees.

Recycling your tree is easy!

1. **Remove all tinsel and decorations** from your Christmas tree. **Christmas trees only.**
2. **Manual & Barrel customers** set your tree out on your normal trash collection day near your normal set-out location during the two week period starting January 4th. **Dumpster customers** set your tree out for collection on January 4th or January 15th and it will be collected during that week.
3. Be sure your tree is **set out by 7am** and **at least 4 feet away** from any containers, bags, dumpsters or other obstacles.
4. **Do not** place trees in dumpsters or carts.

For more information about Treecycle and other Denver Recycles programs call **3-1-1** or visit www.DenverGov.org/DenverRecycles.

Pre-Recruitment Job Event

Denver Office of Economic Development (OED) will host a Workforce Information and Pre-Recruitment Event on **January 4th- 5th**, to develop a pool of eligible candidates for 300 job openings with Metro Denver businesses. The event will be held at the **King M. Trimble Resource Center, 2980 Curtis St.** and offer information sessions each day at **8 a.m., 10:30 a.m.** and **2 p.m.**

Job openings will be available in the construction, energy, healthcare and retail/hospitality industries. Positions are supported through OED's Wage Subsidy Program, which helps enable Denver employers to create new jobs. The program is funded through federal funds, including funds from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

Jobseekers interested in the information sessions must register in the workforce system through www.connectingcolorado.com as well as reserve a seat by calling 720-865-0068. For more information, visit www.milehigh.com.

Medical Marijuana

In 2000, Colorado Voters approved an amendment to the state constitution which would allow caregivers to provide medical marijuana to patients suffering from specific debilitating medical conditions. The recipients are required to obtain a state-issued registry card.



Until recently, there were only a few medical marijuana dispensaries in Colorado and very little regulation. Since last winter when the U.S. Attorney General indicated that the Justice Department would back away from enforcing federal law in states that had medical marijuana laws, there have been a large number of new dispensaries which have opened.

State and local officials are working to respond to the growth in medical marijuana dispensaries and surge in applications for registry cards. State Senator Chris Romer will be sponsoring legislation in the upcoming session of the State Legislature which would regulate the industry. In addition, the Denver City Council will be considering an ordinance regulating medical marijuana dispensaries within city limits in early January. The City Council bill would set a 1000 foot distance requirement from schools, child care centers and other dispensaries; limit certain felons from operating dispensaries; bar on-site consumption of marijuana; and set fees and security measures for the businesses.

The introduction of the bill at the City Council meeting is tentatively set for January 4th with the final vote on January 11th. A **draft** copy of the bill is available at www.denvergov.org/citycouncil.

Denver began collecting sales tax in the amount of 3.26% from sales at medical marijuana dispensaries on December 1st, 2009.

DPS Open House and School Tour

You invited to an open house and school tour for the follow Council District 4
Denver Public Schools:

Bradley International School

International Baccalaureate Open House for grades ECE-5th

Wednesday, January 6th from 6- 7pm

3051 S. Elm St.; 303-756-8386

Southmoor Elementary

Parents are invited to meet with teachers and tour the school

Thursday, January 14th from 7:30- 9am

3755 S. Magnolia Way; 303-756-0392

For more information, please visit www.dpsk12.org, call 720-423-3200, or call the individual school.

Four Points by Sheraton Property Update

Our office has been informed by the property owners of the Four Points by Sheraton that they will be demolishing the building sometime after the first of the year.

At this point the plans for future development are uncertain. We will continue to update our constituents about the property once we know more.

Time to Plan Energy Saving Landscaping

A well-designed landscape not only can add beauty to your home but it also can reduce your heating and cooling costs. On average, landscaping for energy efficiency provides enough energy savings to return an initial investment in less than 8 years. If you were already planning to landscape, these tips provide an ideal way to beautify your home while saving on your monthly energy bill.

- Landscaping your home for energy efficiency can reduce your heating and cooling bills, the largest component of your home's energy use. Your overall landscaping strategy will depend on your regional climate.
- Plant trees to shade your home, reducing your cooling costs in the summer months. Typically, newly planted trees will begin shading windows in their first year and will reach your roof in years 5-10.
- Planting shrubs, bushes, and vines next to your house creates dead air spaces that insulate your home in both winter and summer. Plant so there will be at least 1 foot (30 centimeters) of space between full-grown plants and your home's wall.
- During winter, dense, low-lying trees and shrubbery on the north and northeast sides of your home can help protect your home against wind chill.

Denver Digs Trees

As you plan for spring landscaping, The Park People's *Denver Digs Trees* program can help with its Spring Street Tree Distribution which adds trees to the public right-of-way, typically the space between the sidewalk and the street.

Trees are \$25 each for Denver residents. **Applications are due February 15th**; early applicants get the first choice of tree variety. Varieties include: Harvest Gold Linden, Musashino Zelkova, Prospector Elm, State Street Maple, Turkish Filbert, White Oak, Autumn Brilliance Serviceberry, and Indian Magic Crabapple. Tree pick-up is April 17th.

For applications, visit www.theparkpeople.org, or call 303-722-6262.



January Calendar of Events

Denver Botanic Gardens at Chatfield FREE DAY

January 1st. 8500 Deer Creek Canyon Rd, Littleton. 303-973-3705; www.botanicgardens.org

Denver Art Museum FREE DAY

January 2nd. 100 West 14th Avenue Parkway. 720-865-5000; www.denverartmuseum.org

Children's Museum of Denver FREE Night

January 5th from 4 pm- 8 pm. 2121 Children's Museum Dr. Target sponsors a free night for playtime with special story times and more! 303-433-7444; www.cmdenver.org.

Denver Zoo

January 9th. 2300 Steele St., Denver. 303-376-4800; www.denverzoo.org

Denver Museum of Nature & Science FREE DAY

January 11th. 2001 Colorado Blvd. 303-322-7009; www.dmns.org.

Daughters of the American Revolution Workshop

January 16th at 1pm. Adagio Bed & Breakfast (1430 Race St.) The Daughters of the American Revolution are forming a new chapter and offering a workshop to women interested in researching their lineage to a patriot who fought in the Revolutionary War. Members will assist you in researching your genealogy to determine your eligibility for membership. RSVP: Helen Strader, 303-997-6788.

Denver Botanic Gardens FREE DAY

January 18th. 1005 York St., Denver. 720-865-3500; www.botanicgardens.org

Denver Zoo

January 18th. 2300 Steele St., Denver. 303-376-4800; www.denverzoo.org

Find out what's happening throughout the Denver Metro Area for theater, arts, culture, sports and special events! Visit www.Denver365.com, the online comprehensive event calendar or www.thescen3.org for SCFD Tier III events

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