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Buda's New Contract with TDS Expands Services

BUDA, TEXAS – A new contract between the City of Buda and Texas Disposal Systems (TDS) expands waste and recycling services that residents can begin using immediately. One of the new programs available to residents is the **“Bag-the-Bag” Plastic Bag and Film Recycling Program**, which is designed to make plastic bag recycling more easily identifiable. Residents may pick up the yellow bag-the-bag stuffer bags at no cost from the Utility Windows at the Municipal Building. The City also will distribute the stuffer bags at selected upcoming events. Below are columns showing a general summary of existing and expanded services offered through TDS.

Existing Services

- Weekly Trash Collection (1 95-Gal. Cart)
- Bi-Weekly Recycling (1 95-Gal. Cart)
 - Plastics # 1- 7
 - Green, Brown, Clear Glass,
 - Aluminum, Tin, Steel Cans,
 - Newsprint, Cardboard, Mags.,
 - Office Paper
- Bi-Weekly Green Waste Program
 - 10 Paper Lawn Bags of Leaves or Bundles of Brush
 - Leaves Bundled/Tied Not to Exceed 4' length and 35 pounds
- Quarterly On-Demand Bulky Waste Pick-Up
 - Free Once Per Quarter
 - Call TDS to Schedule Collection
 - Up to 3 Cubic Yards
 - Refrigerators/Freezers that have Freon Removal Certificate

Expanded Services

- ALL Existing Services** + those listed below
- Bi-Weekly Recycling to Also Include:
 - Natural Christmas Trees (January)
 - Gable Top and Aseptic Containers
 - Large Rigid Plastic
 - Household Scrap Metal (no hangers)
 - Holiday Light Recycling (January)
- Plastic Bags Recycling:
 - Single Bag to Bundle Plastic Bags, including Dry Cleaners, Grocery, Blue Bubble Wrap, Packaging, etc.
- Quarterly On-Demand Bulky Waste Pick-Up to Also Include:
 - Mattresses (for a fee)

Residents who need more capacity may request an additional trash or recycling cart for an additional fee. The City also offers a 10% discount for senior citizens and a door-side service for disabled or senior residents who are unable to physically roll a cart to the curb each week. To learn more about these options, contact the City of Buda Utility Billing at 512-295-8845.

In addition to the expanded services listed in the right column above, residents may place two additional 30-gallon bags by their TDS cart from Dec. 26 through Jan. 7 each year. Residents also may take up to 5 cubic yards of material to the landfill each month at no cost. Other services of note are the \$10,000 annual credit at Garden-Ville Centers for City landscaping projects, plus 10% discount on pricing; 21 roll-off waste containers for cleanups and projects; 50 free carts for City Park events; and no-charge service to city facilities. TDS also will provide exclusive commercial waste and recycling services in a variety of container sizes and frequencies, as well as temporary and permanent roll-off waste containers.

The City's new contract with TDS took into consideration work of the City's Sustainability Commission, which crafted a survey for the City to disseminate for receiving feedback about waste and recycling issues and needs. Results showed a desire for the expansion of recycling options and services.

"With this new exclusive five-year contract, the City will set a locked-in, five-year rate of \$22.82 per month for standard monthly service," Buda Deputy City Manager Micah Grau explained. "A 10% discount also is offered for senior citizens. These expanded services meet the needs expressed by citizens and reflect the City's leadership in municipal sustainability efforts."

"We are proud to be expanding our waste and recycling services in the City of Buda," says TDS President and Principal Owner, Bob Gregory. "We feel privileged to have served this community since 2002 and look forward to continuing our combined efforts toward sustainability now and in the future."

The City of Buda is home to nearly 19,000 residents and has earned designations as a "Texas Main Street City," "Tree City USA," "Platinum-Level Scenic City" and the "Outdoor Capital of Texas." Buda is situated along the Interstate 35 corridor, has 14 parks and a historic downtown district where residents and visitors alike can shop, dine, relax, and *breathe easy here*.

Texas Disposal Systems (TDS) is one of the largest independently-owned solid waste collection, processing and disposal companies in the nation. Their fully integrated facility in Austin incorporates solid waste disposal, compost production, various types of recycling operations, site services and emergency services operations, as well as industrial and agricultural operations. For more than 43 years, TDS has provided the highest quality and most environmentally friendly services in the best interests of our customers, employees, neighbors, and the community in their Austin facilities, as well as our other facilities located throughout the state. Learn more about how TDS helps businesses, communities, organizations and schools manage and divert waste to beneficial uses at www.TexasDisposal.com.