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CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) EMERGENCY IMPACTS WASTE MANAGEMENT, CITY OF MONROE REFUSE/RECYCLING SERVICES

(MONROE, MI) - In accordance with Governor Whitmer's Executive Order #2020-21 (Stay Home/Stay Safe) issued on Monday, March 23, to combat the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, the City of Monroe refuse and recycling service provider, Waste Management, has announced temporary changes to their service delivery program.

In light of issued recommendations that non-essential employees shelter in place and work from home when possible to promote social distancing, Waste Management has significantly reduced its "field" work force and is focusing on the performance of essential services only during this unprecedented emergency. In order for Waste Management to maintain its focus on municipal solid waste collection and disposal, and due to the reduced number of employees in the field, **effective Monday, March 30, 2020, Waste Management is temporarily suspending the performance of the following services, which are non-essential during this period of emergency:**

- Bulk pickup will be suspended beginning with the week of March 30, until further notice, but likely through at least the end of April. Bulk Collection includes, but is not limited to, furniture, carpet, mattresses, appliances, etc.
- Yard waste pickup will not start as previously scheduled on April 6, but will be suspended until further notice, but likely through at least the end of April. Yard Waste Collection includes, but is not limited to, grass clippings, brush, tree limbs, etc.
- Recycling collection will continue on schedule. However, due to a closure of a third-party regional recycling facility as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, recycling materials may be temporarily disposed in a landfill until the recycling facility reopens. If residents experience delays on any particular day, please leave refuse at the curb and it will be collected as soon as possible.

When the Declarations of Emergency and social distancing recommendations have been eased and Waste Management's work force returns to pre-pandemic levels, these services will be restarted. Waste Management will provide the City notice when the service(s) will resume.

Residents should monitor the City's website (www.monroemi.gov) City's Facebook page, [MyMonroe app push notifications](#), the City's government channel: channel (18/Comcast or 190/Charter), and local media for updates.

City administration will continue to evaluate how to reallocate staff and resources in the most efficient way possible and monitor the situation as it may pertain to the operations of public facilities. Any changes in addition to those released in recent days will be announced via the communication methods highlighted above.

As a reminder, everyone should be taking the following precautions to prevent the spread of the COVID-19 virus, including, but not limited to:

- If you think you have been exposed to COVID-19, call your health care provider. If you do not have a health care provider, call the nearest hospital.
- Wash your hands often with soap and warm water for 20 seconds. If not available, use hand sanitizer.
- Regularly clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth with unwashed hands.
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or upper sleeve when coughing or sneezing.
- Avoid contact with people who are sick.
- If you are sick, stay home, and avoid contact with others.
- Replace handshakes with elbow bumps.
- Stay at least 6 feet away from others when in a public setting (social distancing).

Information around this outbreak is changing rapidly. The latest information is available at www.Michigan.gov/Coronavirus and www.CDC.gov/Coronavirus.

The [Monroe County Health Department](#) has set up a COVID-19 hotline. Please call 734.243.8600, Monday through Friday, 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM, if you have questions or concerns regarding coronavirus.

About the City of Monroe

Incorporated in 1817, the City of Monroe is a community that has a shared vision that seeks to balance the opportunities of economic development with the stewardship that is required for historic preservation. With a population of 20,733, Monroe is located about 17-miles north of Toledo, Ohio and about 35-miles south of Detroit. The City of Monroe is Michigan's third oldest community, and is also the county seat of Monroe County.

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