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PRESS RELEASE

IMPLEMENTATION OF ONE-PASS TRASH & RECYCLING COLLECTION EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY

Downey, CA, April 1, 2020:

The City of Downey is committed to ensuring the safe collection of trash, recycling, green waste and bulky items in the community, especially now during the COVID-19 health crisis. Maintaining these essential services without interruption is a priority of the City. Residents and businesses should continue to place their trash, recycling and green waste in the appropriate containers.

Out of abundance of caution and due to the COVID-19 pandemic, many facilities that process collected recyclables have suspended operations. Therefore, the City is allowing CalMet Services, Inc., to dispose of recyclables and green/organic waste at landfills on a temporary basis. Residents will now see one truck collecting the material from all containers during this time.

However, there are common guidelines that everyone should practice in order to ensure proper processing and the health and safety of sanitation workers and the public.

Guidelines to follow are:

- Continue to separate recyclables and green waste and place them in the correct container; recyclables should be empty, dry and clean.
- Ensure lids of your containers are closed and are placed at the designated pick-up location to properly allow for trucks to collect the material without sanitation workers having to touch the containers.

For additional information regarding service, please contact CalMet Services at (562) 259-1239 or via email at info@calmetservices.com, Monday through Friday, 7:30 am to 5 pm and Saturday, 8 am to 1 pm. You may also contact the City of Downey at (562) 904-7102, Monday through Friday, 7:30 am to 5:30 pm. For more information about COVID-19 and resources, please visit lacounty.gov and/or downeyca.org/coronavirus.

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