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## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **TRASH & RECYCLING COLLECTION SERVICES RESUME REGULAR HAULING OPERATIONS**

**Downey, CA, May 11, 2020:**

Effective Monday, May 11, 2020, the City's trash hauler, CalMet Services, Inc., will return to normal hauling operations utilizing three different trucks for each type of material in black, blue, and green carts. The Los Angeles County Sanitation reported that the belts at their processing facilities have resumed operations and therefore CalMet will no longer need to do a "one-pass trash and recycling collection."

Out of abundance of caution and due to the COVID-19 pandemic, many facilities that process collected recyclables had recently suspended operations. Therefore, the City was temporarily allowing CalMet to dispose of recyclables and green/organic waste at landfills.

The City would like to remind residents and businesses to continue placing their trash, recycling and green waste in the appropriate containers.

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](mailto: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](http://lacounty.gov) and/or [downeyca.org/coronavirus](http://downeyca.org/coronavirus).

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