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Residential Trash Pickup Changes

April 27, 2020

Dear Resident,

As of March, 2020, actions taken by foreign governments have resulted in a disruption of the recycling industry to a point that many recycled materials are no longer being accepted by several large recycling facilities. This is causing many items which were previously considered to be 'recyclable' to now be deemed as solid waste. When the City implemented our recycling program in the 2000's, we were paid for the recyclable material we generated. Since that time, the payments dwindled to the point where the City had to pay the recycling companies to accept our recyclables. We have been recently notified that the per-ton cost to the City for collection of recyclables will be almost the same as the cost for a ton of garbage. Sadly, the City of Williams can no longer afford to continue our recycling program without significant rate hikes. Additionally, lost revenues due to COVID-19 necessitate that the City scale back some operations in order to cut expenditures.

Starting May 15, 2020 the City of Williams will no longer be picking up recycling. All household trash will be picked up one time per week on your currently scheduled trash day. Residents' existing trash container and recycling container will remain and both can be used for regular household trash on your scheduled pick-up day. As a courtesy to our employees, please try to contain all garbage to one container if you are able. Only set out trash container(s) if they have trash in them. A small number of residents will see their trash pick-up day change and those residents will notified in advance via mail.

As a service to the public, the City will still offer recycling bins, free of charge to City residents, at the Transfer Station, located at corner of Airport Road and East Frank Way. These bins will allow residents to continue recycling cardboard, paper, metals, or glass.

Thank you for your understanding in this matter and if you have any questions about your pick up days please contact the Sanitation Dept. (928) 635-9108 or City Hall (928) 635-4451 ext.211