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Subject: City of Benton Harbor Solid Waste and Yard Waste Collection

Dear City of Benton Harbor Resident:

This correspondence is being sent to update you of the specifics related to solid waste and yard waste collection.

The current solid waste provider, We-Cycle Industrial Sanitation, is in the process of ensuring all residents have collection containers. As a result, beginning October 15, 2018, residents will only be allowed to place the container (96 gallon) provided to each household. In the case of a multiple unit residence, there shall be no more than one container per unit placed for disposal.

As a reminder, residents are to place their trash in the container on the curb side the night before (no earlier than 7:00 PM) or the morning of their regularly scheduled pickup day. In the event there is more trash at a residence than the provided container, the contractor will leave the excess trash. The resident(s) will be responsible for:

1. Removing the excess and placing it for pick-up the following week; or
2. Contacting the trash hauler and arranging for the excess to be picked up (at the resident's expense).

In the event that the excess garbage remains on the curb, the Code Compliance Division will tag the remaining garbage and allow 72 hours for removal. If the garbage is not removed within 72 hours, a citation will be issued to the occupant(s) of the property and the City will remove it and bill the residence.

Large items (i.e. single couches, mattress and box spring, tables, etc.) will be picked up on the same day as the regularly scheduled solid waste collection. Residents should contact We-Cycle, direct (269-926-6360), to arrange for the item(s) to be picked up. Failure to notify the contractor will result in the item(s) being left, cited and removed at the expense of the residence.

The contractor is providing yard waste pick up for the City. The yard waste pickup will now be on the same day as the trash collection. Yard waste will continue to be picked up until December 1<sup>st</sup>. After December 1<sup>st</sup>, regardless of the weather conditions, yard waste pickup will not resume until April 1<sup>st</sup>. Yard waste (i.e. grass clippings or leaves) should be placed in a container marked "yard waste" or in paper yard bags. As a reminder, there should be no non-vegetation items, such as paper or plastic, included in the yard waste. Also, no yard waste may be raked in the street.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact City Hall at 269-927-8400.

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