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UPDATE ON THE CITY OF SAGINAW'S WASTE COLLECTION SERVICES

April 29, 2020 SAGINAW, MI – Governor Whitmer has signed executive order 2020-59, extending her prior “Stay Home, Stay Safe” order through May 15 and allowing lawn care and landscaping services to resume in Michigan. The City of Saginaw would like to provide an update to residents on how this new executive order will impact the city’s compost site, convenience station and brush collection in the City of Saginaw.

BRUSH COLLECTION TO BEGIN IN MAY

May 1 will mark the start of the City of Saginaw’s brush collection for 2020. Here are a few important reminders for citizens:

- Citizens can place 1 pile of brush at the curb for collection 1 time per month.
- Brush pile shall be no larger than 4ft high x 4ft wide x 10ft long
- Brush cannot be larger than 6" in diameter, no logs, or small trees, stumps or root balls.
- Collection Dates for residents are as follows:

West Side - 1st thru 15th of the month

East Side - 16th thru end of month

COMPOST SITE IS NOW OPEN

The City's compost site, located on Veterans Memorial Highway, is now open. The compost facility provides compost and wood chips to Saginaw and surrounding areas. Compost is available to city residents free of charge if self-loaded. Compost and wood chips can be delivered for a fee. The hours of operation are **Monday-Friday from 7am to 3pm, and Saturday from 8am to Noon.**

CONVENIENCE STATION WILL REMAIN CLOSED

The City of Saginaw's convenience station will remain closed until the executive order is lifted. If the order is lifted, the next two drop off dates for City of Saginaw residents are *tentatively* scheduled as follows:

Saturday, May 30 8:00 a.m. to noon

Saturday, June 13 8:00 a.m. to noon

Trash collection, yard waste and recycling, which are essential services, are continuing as usual. Residents are reminded to have all properly prepared materials placed at the curb no later than 7 am on their regular collection day. The City reminds residents that **bulk collection, which is any waste item not in a bag or a can**, is suspended until further notice.

The City of Saginaw is committed to maintaining basic operations that are necessary to sustain or protect life in our city. We are all committed to the safety of our residents and collection workers. The City of Saginaw will continue to utilize extreme safety and other mitigation measures to protect employees and citizens.

The City will keep citizens informed as we have updates to share. For the most up-to-date information, please visit the MMWA website at www.recyclemotion.org or follow the City of Saginaw at www.facebook.com/cityofsaginawgovernment/

Frequently Asked Questions

1. Will Police and Fire services still be available?

Yes, Police and Fire personnel will still be available to serve and protect our citizens.

1. Are City Parks open to the public?

The City of Saginaw has closed vehicle access to all city maintained parks and playground equipment until further notice. Residents are allowed to walk through our city parks and trails for outdoor exercise as outlined in Executive Order 2020-59. The order issued by Governor Whitmer includes civil penalties and fines for citizens convicted of disobeying the state's stay-at-home order. The Saginaw Police Department will be patrolling the parks and enforcing the order.

2. What about water and utility services?

When making payments, citizens are advised to use online options, pay-by-phone, or the payment drop box located in the back of City Hall. Visit www.saginaw-mi.com for information regarding payment options. During this time, city staff will be limited and only available to assist with emergency turn-ons and emergency shut-offs.

3. Will waste collection continue during this time?

Yes, all trash collection will continue for City of Saginaw residents. Citizens should continue to put their trash out by 7am on their scheduled collection day.

4. What services are impacted?

- a. All Recycling will resume April 13
- b. Spring yard waste collection will resume April 13
- c. Brush collection for city residents will resume May 1
- d. The City's Compost site will be open to the public beginning April 27
- e. The City's Convenience Station will remain closed until further notice
- f. All bulk collection services (which is anything **NOT** contained in a bag or a can) are **SUSPENDED** until further notice

5. Will someone be available to assist with other public services?

Yes, staff will be available in a limited capacity to maintain the quality of our streets, traffic and parks. Citizens can call **(989) 759-1776** for Public Services requests.

6. Will water treatment still continue?

Yes, this is an essential service for our citizens and we are well-prepared to continue providing water service throughout this pandemic. We will have staff and infrastructure in place to maintain water service around the clock to help keep families healthy, clean and hydrated. We are taking action to protect our staff and maintain our ability to provide the safe reliable source of water needed.