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Trash and recycling route changes affect 600 homes *Some Tuesday routes moved to a Wednesday pickup schedule*

LITTLE ELM (February 19, 2015) Starting in March, about 600 residences in the Town's mid-section that are currently on a Tuesday pickup schedule will be moved to Wednesday collection, says Public Works Director Kevin Mattingly.

"Currently, the Wednesday collection route is smaller than the Tuesday route," he said. "The imbalance decreases the efficiency of the collection system as well as the productivity of the collection trucks. Leveling out the numbers makes for better efficiency and decreases the likelihood of late pickups."

Residents of some 32 streets in what is essentially the geographic center of the Town will be affected by the change. Not all residents on the listed streets will be affected, only those that are within the new, expanded Wednesday collection route.

"While the Wednesday route will expand territorially by about twice its current size, the number of residences that will be required to switch from Tuesday to Wednesday is relatively small," he said. The new boundaries for Wednesday collection for both trash and recycling are Woodlake Parkway on the east, Walker Lane on the north, Hart Road on the west and Eldorado Parkway on the south.

"That means that for residents who live inside of an area bounded by Walker Lane on the north, Hart Road on the west, Eldorado Parkway on the south and Wynfield Drive and Annalea Lane on the east, trash and recycling will switch from Tuesday to Wednesday," said Mattingly.

Door hangers announcing the change will be placed on affected residences to alert them to the change. No other routes are undergoing alterations or modifications. Community Waste Disposal (CWD), the Town's contracted collection company, will be switching a collection truck to the Wednesday schedule from the Tuesday schedule to accommodate the change.

"In addition to the weekly change for these 600 or so residences, it's also important to note that their bulk trash pickup day also moves," he said. Residences on a Wednesday pickup route may place bulky trash items curbside on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month, starting with the first full week of that month.

Affected area trash and recycling carts left out on Tuesday after the March switch will be emptied on the following day, in accordance with the new schedule.

"We know it will take a little getting used to," said Mattingly. "Maps of the new routes are posted on the Town web site, and we'll continue to use various forms of communication as reminders."

An online guide for trash and recycling collection can be accessed by visiting: www.littleelm.org/trashguide, and a map with the pickup schedule is available by visiting: www.littleelm.org/trashschedule. A summary of the changes, including affected streets, can be accessed by visiting: www.littleelm.org/trashschedule/changes.

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ABOUT LITTLE ELM – Little Elm is one of the state's fastest growing communities. Nestled on the shores of Lake Lewisville, the Town was incorporated in 1966, adopting the Council/Manager form of government. The population increased dramatically over the last several years, growing from under 4,000 in 2000 to over 30,000 today. Little Elm's population exceeds the state average in education and income, and is increasingly trending younger and technologically proficient. The Town's footprint is just over 14 square miles and boasts some 66 linear miles of shoreline within its boundaries.