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Bulk and brush collection move to Mondays in 2017

LITTLE ELM (December 16, 2016) Along with the various changes, both major and minor, to the regular trash and recycling pickup routes and schedules, the Town will be implementing a schedule change to the bulk and brush pickup service, effective Jan. 1.

“Bulk and brush is a twice monthly service that we provide as part of our contract with CWD,” says Director of Public Works Kevin Mattingly. “It’s not a new service, but there is a change in the pickup day. Instead of a Wednesday pickup, it will now be a Monday pickup.”

To assist homeowners with the changes, here are some frequently asked questions with corresponding answers.

Q: When are my bulk and brush pickup days?

A: If your 2017 regular trash and recycling collection day is either Monday or Tuesday, your bulk and brush pickup days are the first and third Mondays of the month, starting the first full week of the month. If your 2017 regular trash and recycling collection day is Wednesday, Thursday or Friday, your bulk and brush pickup days are the second and fourth Mondays of the month, starting the first full week of the month. **Note:** A week is considered the “first full week of the month” when the first Monday of the month is either the first or second day of the month.

Q: Why do I have to have my bulk trash out by 7 a.m. if the truck does not come by at 7 a.m.?

A: While the collection trucks may not arrive at 7 a.m., CWD sends out spotters at 7 a.m. The spotters take notice of which specific homes have material ready for pickup, thereby creating a detailed schedule for the collection trucks, using maps and street addresses. If there is no trash or brush out at 7 a.m. at a particular residence, the spotters will not add that address to the schedule.

Q: If I must place items out on Monday at 7 a.m., will it be picked up that day?

A: Most likely, it will. However, depending on the amount of bulk and brush that week, it may take until Wednesday of that week to get to everyone’s address.

Q: When is the earliest I can put out my bulk and brush for the Monday pickup?

A: We recommend that material be placed no more than 24 hours prior to the Monday pickup.

Q: Why was it changed to Mondays at 7 a.m.?

A: We realize that most homeowners clean out the garage and attic, complete home improvement projects or trim their trees over the weekend. With a Wednesday pickup, the bulk and brush lingered on the curb for almost a full week in some cases. A Monday pickup alleviates that issue.

Q: What is considered bulk trash?

A: A list of acceptable items, along with instructions for bundling cardboard, fence and wood scraps and yard waste is available at <http://www.littleelm.org/index.aspx?NID=722>.

“We encourage everyone to review the website for changes to regular pickup as well as bulk and brush pickup,” said Mattingly. “That will be the quickest and most reliable source for this information.”

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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 21 square miles and boasts some 66 linear miles of shoreline within its boundaries.