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PRESS RELEASE

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Lafourche Parish Garbage & Trash Collecting Services Reminder

Lafourche Parish Government wishes to remind all residents along with any contractors performing work or services in Lafourche Parish of the following guidelines relative to garbage and trash collection in Lafourche Parish:

NO CONTRACTOR'S DEBRIS

All contractors (NO EXCEPTIONS) such as roofing, tree service, new home or business construction, home repair and remodeling, landscapers, carpet installers, air conditioning and heating contractors, demolition or removal contractors, etc... performing work or services must remove all debris and/or material resulting from their work. Any debris resulting from these services is not the responsibility of the Parish or SWDI LLC and will become the responsibility of the contractor and/or property owner. Any resident involved in these situations must make their own arrangements for the proper collection and disposal of all debris resulting from these types of services. In many cases tree contractors, building contractors, demolition contractors and others can offer debris removal services. If not, the resident should contract with a proper solid waste contractor to arrange for the debris to be removed.

VACANT LOT or LAND CLEARING

The Parish and SWDI LLC is not responsible to provide garbage and debris removal services to any properties that do not have an occupied residential dwelling located on it where water and domestic light and power services are being supplied to the dwelling. It will be the responsibility of the property owner to make arrangements for the proper disposal of any debris resulting from activities on vacant properties or land clearing activities.

TRASH COLLECTION

There are certain other requirements that residents of the Parish should follow in order to make the garbage and trash collection process more efficient and less expensive. As in the past, garbage will be picked up twice weekly. We are not anticipating any major changes to the routes and schedules that have been in place recently. Should any such changes occur, they will be advertised in the local media. All items placed at the curbside for collection must be prepared as follows:

- All items shall be properly bagged or contained. Bagged items should not exceed thirty-five (35) pounds in weight. Containers should not exceed thirty-five (35) gallons capacity and sixty (60) pounds in weight.

- Trash and tree debris shall be tied securely in bundles not exceeding six (6) feet in length, two (2) feet in diameter, and seventy-five (75) pounds in weight.
- Items such as grass clippings and leaves shall be placed in garbage cans, bags, or other suitable containers so as to provide ease of collection.
- Tree stumps and large tree limbs shall be cut into sections which do not exceed seventy-five (75) pounds in weight.
- Trash such as reasonable amounts of tree debris, furniture, mattresses, and other bulky items will usually be collected on the second collection day of the week.
- White goods (appliances such as refrigerators, washing machines, stoves, etc...) must be collected separately from other items and must not be co-mingled with other trash or garbage.
- All other types of trash shall be containerized according to the above mentioned size and weight requirements.
- Accumulations of trash at curbside should be limited to approximately two (2) cubic yards of volume per week. If you have more, the requirement is to place it at curbside in reasonable amounts each week.

NON-ACCEPTABLE WASTES

- Hazardous wastes such as paint thinners, turpentine, anti-freeze, solvent, oil-based paint. Call the DEQ Hazardous Waste Hotline (800-305-6621) for information on hazardous wastes disposal or stay tuned to local media for announcements related to local sponsorship of Hazardous Waste collection days (usually during spring or fall and associated with activities such as Earth Day or other cleanup activities).
- Batteries and motor oil – many local automotive stores and gas stations offer recycling programs for batteries and motor oil. Check around or call the Solid Waste Office (800-794-3160) to determine if there is a location near you.
- Gas tanks, butane tanks, drums, or any other container or cylinder that are **not** smashed, crushed, or flattened.
- Non-hazardous liquid wastes including: liquids sealed in containers, paints, thinners, chemicals, oils or grease, etc. Any free flowing liquids of this nature should be dried or absorb so that they are **not** free-flowing at the time of collection.
- Waste tires – The Parish has a waste tire program thru which it can accept waste tires limited to five (5) per resident per day. Any resident having waste tires can contact the Solid Waste Office (800-794-3160) for more information.

If you have any questions, complaints, or requests, please contact the Lafourche Parish Government Office of Solid Waste at (800) 794-3160 or SWDI LLC at (800) 693-4866.