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Modifications Coming to Bulky Goods Drop Off Events

New Braunfels, TX – The City of New Braunfels quarterly Bulky Goods Drop Off (BGD) events for oversized trash are being reorganized to realign with their original purpose. This streamlining of accepted items will expedite and enhance this regular service. Increasing turnout and safety concerns for all involved are contributing factors, necessitating the adjustments.

“Events have had significant participation, so modifications are necessary to help our residents easily and safely discard bulky trash items they occasionally generate,” said Solid Waste Manager Mike Mundell. “The event was getting away from the intended purpose of being convenient and practical, and that is not what we want to see happen.”

At the next BGD in September, participants may bring a maximum of five oversized, household trash items, and up to four whole passenger car tires without rims to City sites. Items must be non-metal items that are larger in weight or dimension than allowed in a curbside trash cart. Examples of items that often meet those criteria, and would be accepted, include: furniture items - such as mattresses, chairs, couches, bed frames, bookcases, and tables; kiddie pools; storage bins; and high-volume ice chests.

Scrap metal and material generated from construction, demolition, and remodeling will no longer be accepted at City-operated sites. Prohibited items include appliances with Freon, green waste (leaves, branches, twigs, etc.), bagged or commercial garbage, lumber, tile, carpeting, drywall, flooring, pallets, electronics, and hazardous waste. Blown-out, partial, motorcycle, ATV, and lawn mower tires are also prohibited.

The City provides alternatives to bringing these items to BGD, including the City Recycle Center and temporary dumpster rental.

“The five-days-a-week, year-round opportunity to recycle scrap metal at our City Recycle Center is much more convenient than bringing it to a quarterly event. Scrap metal drop-off at the Center began years ago and we want to encourage residents to utilize this service,” explains Mundell.

The Center accepts scrap metal items like a water heater, chain-link fencing, a BBQ grill, a clothes washer, or a clothes dryer. Freon must be removed from appliances, gas or ashes removed from grills, and fluids removed from lawn equipment before bringing it to the Center. The Center is open Tuesday through Saturday, 8:00 a.m. to

12:00 p.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., and closed on City holidays. Further information on the City Recycle Center can be found at www.nbtexas.org/recyclecenter.

Other options the City offers for disposal include curbside bulk pick-up appointments and temporary dumpster rental to residential customers. For fees and details, contact the City of New Braunfels Solid Waste & Recycling Division at (830) 221-4040.

As in the past, each resident will be allowed only one load per event, whether it is a City-operated site or the landfill, and verification of residential ratepayer status will be required with a state ID and current utility bill. Residents should call the Mesquite Creek Landfill (operated by Waste Management) at 830-625-7894 for details about their requirements and any restrictions. For more information on the event, visit www.nbtexas.org/bulkygoods.

To receive notifications about special collection events, download the free Recycle Coach smartphone app from the Apple or Android stores. Residents can also sign up for the Keep Me Informed feature on the City's website by entering contact information and choosing the Solid Waste and Recycling list.

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