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Improvements at City Recycle Center

New Braunfels, TX – The City of New Braunfels Solid Waste and Recycling Division recently expanded the footprint of the City Recycle Center, located at 488 South Castell Avenue. The Division streamlined operations, added signage, and acquired new machinery to handle the increasing volume at the center.

Last year, with funding from a Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) pass-through grant from the Alamo Area Council of Governments (AACOG), the Division purchased a vertical baler, which was installed at the center. The baler compresses clean, flattened cardboard into bales, which can be sold directly to a recycler. To ensure adequate working area for the baler, the boundaries of the center were extended slightly. All cardboard brought to the center should be clean, dry, and flattened, so it can be put directly into the baler.

This year, a second compactor was added, again with assistance from a TCEQ grant from AACOG, which doubled the capacity of single-stream recycling collected at the center.

“Previously, there were two rear-load trucks to hold recyclables in the center,” explains Mike Mundell, Solid Waste Manager. “They were meeting the need but were not designed to be utilized for public drop-off. Now, the recyclable material that was being collected by two 20-yard trucks will be collected by two 40-yard compactor units. The new equipment has allowed us to collect more material, more safely.”

Signs to have been affixed to equipment and structures to help clarify for visitors where drop-off items belong. Soon, pavement markings and traffic guiding will distinctly indicate the path through the center for vehicles. Traffic through the center is one-way, beginning at the entrance on Butcher Street and exiting onto Castell Avenue.

In addition to single-stream recycling and cardboard, the center accepts scrap metal and plastic foam #6, commonly called Styrofoam. When bringing items to the center, each category of item must be separate from each other. Single-stream recycling must be brought in a reusable bin or tote approximately 18-gallons in size. Recyclables brought in dark or opaque plastic bags are not accepted. This allows attendants at the center to quickly inspect items for compliance and return the container to customers for reuse.

The City Recycle Center is open Tuesday through Saturday, from 8 a.m. to noon and 12:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. For more information on the center, visit www.nbtexas.org/recyclecenter.

For information on the Solid Waste and Recycling Division, including garbage, recycling, and Green Waste collection, drop-off events, and bulk pickup, visit www.nbtexas.org/swrd.

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