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CURBSIDE RECYCLING TO BEGIN MAY 5; NEW BINS TO BE DISTRIBUTED STARTING APRIL 11

Kenner, LA. – Curbside recycling is returning to Kenner, with the green recycling bins to be distributed to Kenner residents beginning on April 11 and the once-weekly service set to start on May 5.

Ramelli Waste, LLC, the city's garbage collector, included the possibility of curbside recycling for the first time in more than a decade in the city as part of a new, 10-year contract that was approved in December.

"We promised residents that we would make sure there was a significant amount of notice so that the new service wouldn't come as a surprise to anyone," Acting Mayor Michael Sigur said. "Some residents will have their recycling bins dropped off at their homes in less than a week, and the actual recycling is less than a month away."

The recycling pickup will be made with different trucks – emblazoned with the green recycling logo – and residents will be asked to put out their recycling containers on their second garbage pickup day of the week. The same city ordinance that forbids residents from putting out garbage before the day of pickup also applies to recycling, Sigur said.

For residents who get garbage collected on Monday, that means Thursday will be both a garbage day and a recycling day, Ramelli officials said. For residents with a Tuesday collection, the recycling pickup will be on Friday and for residents with a first garbage pickup on Wednesday, recycling will be collected on Saturday.

Curbside recycling will be available to 22,000 locations in the city – all residents who currently get their garbage picked up curbside by Ramelli, Sigur said. That means curbside recycling will not include many people who live in apartments or condominiums and don't get garbage pickup service.

Ramelli CEO David Starks said the owners of those complexes can contact the company to see about paying for drop-off recycling containers, if they are interested.

The three current drop-off recycling locations will be shut down on May 5, Sigur said. "The savings from ending the collection and maintenance of those drop-off sites is one of the ways we are able to pay for curbside recycling," Sigur said.

Kenner and Ramelli officials emphasized that glass items will absolutely not be accepted in the recycling bins. Only paper, plastic and metal products, including aluminum and steel, can be recycled. A list of household items that will be accepted in the recycling bins is available at www.ramelli.com under the Recycling tab.

“However, if you aren’t sure, just look to see if the product has that recycling logo,” Sigur said. “If it doesn’t, then please don’t put it in the container.”

Residents are allowed only one container each, but Ramelli officials said if there is ever too much to fit into that container, the items can be bagged or boxed and securely placed next to the bin.

Disabled Kenner residents who currently get front or rear door service for their garbage will automatically continue to receive the same service to handle their recyclables, Ramelli officials said.

Anyone with questions about curbside recycling can check the Ramelli website or call the company at (504) 482-2040.

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