

Important Safety Announcement



Help your recycling and garbage driver beat the heat: put carts at the curb the night before

PORTLAND, Ore. - July 31, 2017 - Waste Management is calling on residents to help recycling and garbage drivers beat the heat this week.

To avoid the potential for heat-related illnesses, Waste Management drivers will begin neighborhood collections an hour early this week, on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. This will require that all carts (recycling, garbage and compost/yard waste) be placed at the curb the night before.

"We are asking our residential customers to help keep our drivers safe by placing carts at the curb the night before," said Steve Wolfe, district manager for Waste Management-Portland. "This will allow drivers to complete routes before late afternoon, which is typically the hottest time of the day.

"Our drivers work 10- to 11-hour days," Wolfe said. "Getting them off the streets earlier will reduce the potential for heat-related illnesses."

Drivers will be on regular routes. Services will not be interrupted or changed. The difference is trucks will come earlier than usual in neighborhoods across the greater Portland area.

"We are also asking customers to reach out to neighbors, especially the elderly and those who may be medically fragile," Wolfe said. "It would really help if folks took the time to check in on neighbors, to make sure everyone knows carts need to be at the curb the night before and to make sure neighbors are doing OK in the heat."

The request for carts to be placed at the curb the night before affects Waste Management customers in areas including: the cities of Portland, Beaverton, Tigard, Forest Grove, Gaston, Vernonia, Newberg, Dundee, St. Helens, Scappoose, Wood Village, Milwaukie, Damascus, Happy Valley, Sandy, Troutdale, Klamath Falls, Lakeview, and counties including Washington, Multnomah, Clackamas, Columbia and Yamhill.

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