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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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### **City of Brenham Provides ‘All Things Sanitation’ for Residential Sanitation and Recycling Customers**

Transition plans are underway for residential sanitation and recycling for City of Brenham residents. Beginning May 4, 2020, sanitation services will be provided by Brannon Industrial Group (BIG)/Brazos Valley Waste and Recycling. Cart deliveries will begin April 13 but collection will not begin until the week of May 4. Residents are asked to continue using bag service until May 1.

Residents will receive two carts: one for garbage and one for recycling. It is important to note that garbage collection days will not be the same as recycle collection days. An information flyer will accompany your cart and provide all details residents need to know. If additional questions arise, please call the City of Brenham at 979-337-7440. Residents will continue to receive one bill from the City of Brenham.

Below is a compilation of ‘All Things Sanitation’ for City of Brenham residents:

**WHO** to Contact with Questions or Concerns:

Residential – 979.337.7440

Collection/Transfer/Brush – 979.337.7455

**WHAT** to do for garbage, brush, and recycling:

**Garbage**

- Garbage should be bagged, tied, and securely stored in your cart with the lid closed. If the lid is open, the collection truck will not be able to empty it
- Items too large to fit in your container should be taken to the transfer station – 2009 Old Chappell Hill Rd
- DO NOT pile bags or trash on top of or around your container. It will not be collected
- Please also make sure that your container is not blocked by any vehicles on pick up day

**Items not collected:**

- Dirt, sod, concrete or rock, tires, oil filters, and CFC containing appliances
- Flammable materials such as oil, gas or paint
- Contractor generated debris from construction, remodeling or demolition
- Hazardous waste, liquids or any other material prohibited from the landfill or Transfer Station

**Brush**

- Brush must be cut into 4-ft length or shorter and put in a separate pile. Please call to schedule collection for a Wednesday yard waste pickup for a nominal fee. (979) 337-7455

**Recyclables to be collected**

- Metal Cans – Rinsed steel, tin and aluminum vegetable, fruit and beverage cans
- Paper Products – Newspapers, magazines, junk mail, brown paper bags, phone books, non-confidential office paper, mixed/white paper, and flattened cardboard
- Plastic #1 & #2 – All colors of plastic will be accepted. Please check the bottom of the containers for #1 or #2 to confirm its acceptance. Do not include bags, wrapping, or packaging
- Glass Bottles and Jars – Rinsed clear and brown glass bottles and jars will be accepted for recycling. Do not include lids

**WHEN to place and remove your cart**

- Place your cart at the curb in front of your residence by 8 AM on your designated collection day. Collection times vary day by day so it must be out by 8 AM on collection day
- Carts must be removed from the curb following collection

**WHERE to Place Carts**

Along the front curb or the edge of a flat surface driveway, at least 3-ft from other carts, mailboxes, vehicles, trees, telephone poles, water or gas meters, etc. Carts may be placed at the edge of the grass, abutting the curb if unable to be placed on a flat surface on the roadway. The arrows on top of the cart should face the street and the wheels should face your house.

**Where NOT to place your containers**

- On a sidewalk or IN the street
- Over sprinkler heads, water or gas meters, or cable/electrical boxes
- Under low-hanging tree limbs or cable/electrical wires

**HOW much does it cost**

Sanitation and Recycling Rates	\$15.00/mo. (Non-seniors)
	\$12.00/mo. (Seniors)
Wednesday Yard Brush Pick-up Rates	\$15.00/per occurrence

All rates will be billed by the City of Brenham on your utility bill

**PROGRAMS:**

Cart Assistance Program, Recycling Opt-Out and Reduced Garbage Container Size Forms

- All forms can be found on the City of Brenham website under Sanitation and Recycling (Forms)
- Forms can be emailed to [jhynes@cityofbrenham.org](mailto:jhynes@cityofbrenham.org) or dropped off at Utility Billing at City Hall
- If the recycling opt-out option is chosen you may have your cart picked up by BVR Waste and Recycling personnel, but the full monthly fee will still apply.

The reduced garbage container fee will be the same as the standard 96-gallon container fee.

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