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On April 1, 2020, PDC takes over residential solid waste services in the City of Washington. PDC mailed each household in the City a brochure detailing the new trash, recycling and yard waste program. The brochure was mailed Tuesday, March 24. The PDC brochure includes specific collection day information for each address, a recycling calendar and details on the "bulky-item" community cleanup in June.

Waste Management began picking up their carts this week. They will survey the City for WM carts during the first two weeks of the new service. Residents who have not had their WM carts picked may send an email with their address to [cityhall@ci.washington.il.us](mailto:cityhall@ci.washington.il.us).

PDC will begin delivering new trash and recycling roller-carts in mid-May. Households currently renting roller-carts from Waste Management will need to use private containers, garbage cans or bags for household trash until the carts are received.

The City elected to go with an All-Cart program. Each household will need to select their cart sizes for both trash and recycling. PDC will be mailing a postcard during the first week in April. Each customer will be able to pick either a 65-gallon or a 95-gallon trash cart. There is also an option "I DO NOT want a trash cart" for those who already own a cart or do not want to use a PDC cart. A reduced rate will be not an option for those who do not select a cart. The carts are free and included with the service. If a selection is not made, PDC will automatically issue a 95-gallon cart for that household.

Once you have received your brochure with your account number on it, you may call PDC and set up service versus waiting for the postcard. Unfortunately, we have heard that some of the account numbers were smeared during the postal service process. The postcard that will be mailed will also have your account number on it. You do not need to wait for the postcard to select your carts.

Households enrolling in recycling will also select a 65-gallon or a 95-gallon recycling cart. In April and early May, Washington customers should continue to use the 18-gallon blue crates issued by the City for recycling storage and collection. During the transition period, PDC will also pick up recycling material stored in clear plastic bags, cardboard boxes and private containers. PDC will pick up every home that sets out recycling through June. After June 1, you must enroll in recycling to participate using a 95-gallon roller-cart issued by PDC. PDC will only pick up recycling that is the PDC recycling tote. If you have a City-issued blue crate, those are yours to keep to use for personal use. They will no longer be able to be used for recycling after June 1<sup>st</sup>.

More information and samples of the brochure and postcard are located on the City's website (Home/Community/Garbage and Recycling). Thank you for your patience during the transition to PDC.

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