



Media Release

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

For more information, contact:

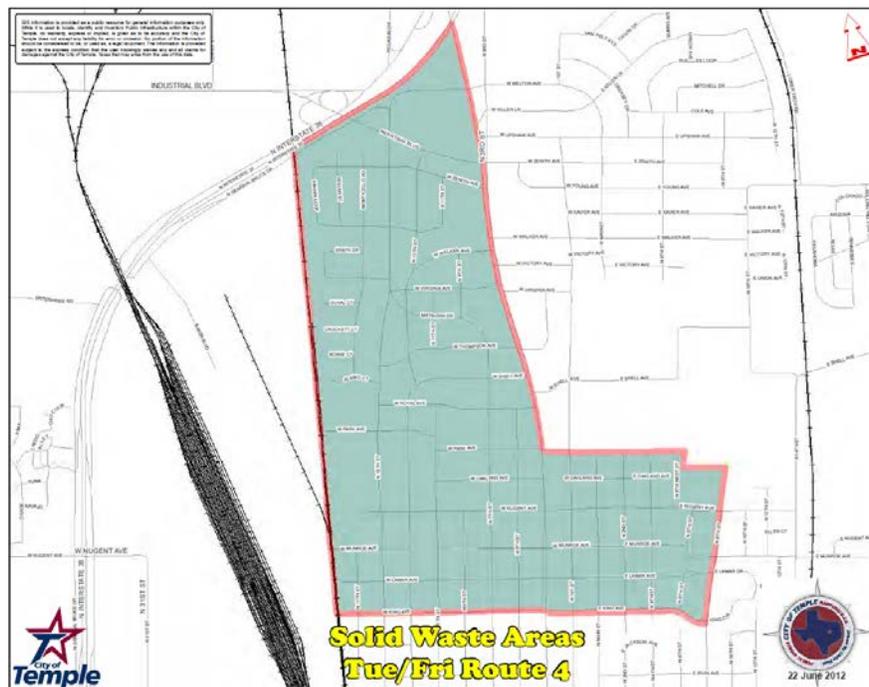
Shannon Gowan, Director of Communications 254.298.5600 office

Nicole Torralva, P.E., Director of Public Works 254.298-5621 office

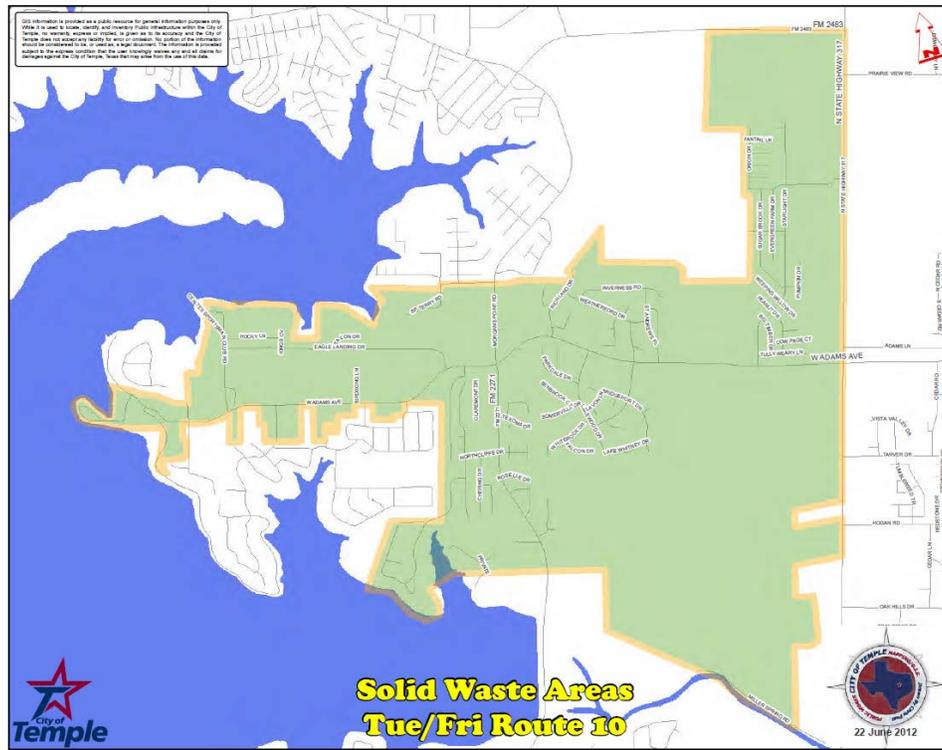
City of Temple Expands Curbside Recycling Pilot Program

TEMPLE, TX, - (June 27, 2012) The City of Temple is pleased to announce the expansion of the residential curbside recycling pilot program. Two new routes, one on the north side of the City and one on the west side of the City, will be added to the existing south and east side routes. The addition of these two new routes will provide additional data and experience for the on-going assessment of the overall pilot program.

The Phase 3 north side route will service approximately 950 residential customers from the north side of King Avenue to I-35, from 3rd Street to the railroad, from 3rd to the west side of 8th Street and from King to Nugent & Oakland. This service area map is shown below.



The Phase 3 west side route will service approximately 1,200 residential customers from Adams to west of Hwy 317 to the lake including areas of Windmill Farms, The Highlands, Lakewood Additions, Eagle Oaks, Northcliffe, and from 2271 from the Dam to Bonnie Lane. This service area map is shown below.



Additional recycling containers have been ordered and will arrive in August. Neighborhood meetings will be scheduled for the end of August with container delivery to follow. Residents in these pilot areas will receive a mailed postcard alerting them to upcoming customer meeting dates and locations.

Consistent with Phase 1 and Phase 2 of the program, Phase 3 pilot program area customers will be provided with a second 96-gallon 'recyclables' cart, allowing the City to utilize current collection trucks to provide the curbside recycling service without any added costs, in lieu of a second garbage pickup each week. The recyclables collected will be single stream recyclables, allowing all materials to be co-mingled in the green recycling carts for collection for ease of use by the customer. Co-mingled recyclables collected each week will be transported to Temple Iron & Metal, who will handle sorting and packaging of recyclables for commodity sale. Items that may be recycled include aluminum cans, steel cans, cardboard, magazines, mixed paper, newspapers, and plastics (#1 - #7).

Phase 3 of the program is anticipated to begin in mid-September, running for minimum 90-day evaluation period. Phase 1 and Phase 2 of the program continue to operate as established.

July will mark a year since the start of Temple's pilot curbside recycling program. Phase 1 of the program, serving nearly 1,150 homes, has been very successful with average weekly

participation rates of nearly 70%. Phase 2, initiated in January 2012 on the east side of the City serves just over 930 homes with weekly participation rates just over 20%.

For more information regarding the City's pilot curbside recycling program or other solid waste services, please contact the Solid Waste Offices at 254-298-5725 or visit the City's website at: www.templetx.gov/recycle. To follow the curbside recycling program on facebook: www.facebook.com/templerecycles.

###