

The Administrative Control Board for Special Service District #1 (Sanitation) approved weekly recycling collections to start on September 1, 2011.

This means that customers in the unincorporated areas of the County and the cities of Cottonwood Heights, Holladay, Taylorsville, Herriman and a portion of Murray City will be able to put their recycle can out for collection every week on the same day as their garbage pickup.

Why weekly recycling?

1. Customer service: A survey conducted in 2011 showed that 69% of respondents would benefit from weekly recycling.
 - A survey in 2009 showed 41%.
 - As people understand the benefits of recycling, they are asking for more convenient ways to recycle, including more frequent recycle pickups
2. Sustainability: The waste industry is headed towards zero waste concepts and promoting **Reduce, Reuse and Recycle**
 - The waste stream keeps growing, and rising fuel and disposal costs are making garbage more expensive to pick up and dispose. While recyclable materials cost the same to pick up, we don't pay to dispose of them. In fact, recycling generates revenue that can partially offset the costs.
 - Currently recyclables offset costs by 10%
 - Increasing collection of recyclables could offset costs up to 25%
 - The benefits of recycling include saving our natural resources, such as fuel, water, energy and raw materials. For example, 860 acres of forest in tropic areas are cut down every 15 minutes to produce paper. This equates to enough paper to cover the space of Liberty Park every 90 seconds. Recycling plastic and aluminum saves 90% of the energy it takes to make these products from virgin materials. Enough energy to heat a home for 18 months. (Reference www.enviroclub.org)
3. Job Creation: Recycling creates five times as many jobs as land filling. (Source: National Recycling Coalition)

How does the Special Service District use my fees?

Our mission is to provide sustainable, integrated waste and recycle collection services for the health and safety of our community...because not everything fits in the can.

To fulfill this mission, we provide a service package as follows: weekly garbage and recycling collections, the annual area cleanup, leaf bag and glass drop-off sites, curbside Christmas tree collections, green and bulk trailer rental, can repair/replacement, assistance for those who physically cannot take the cans to and from the curb and moving box collection.

What about my monthly fee?

The District has sustained a monthly service fee of \$11 since 2007. To date, the District has absorbed rising prices related to fuel, disposal and maintenance, by operating more efficiently. For example, in 2010, we absorbed 86% of the \$563,553 increased operating costs by having our operators work a four-ten schedule while remaining open five days per week. We also expanded services in 2010 and 2011 with the area cleanup program and establishment of 3 glass drop-off sites while keeping the fee at \$11 per month. While the fee may need to be increased in the future because operating costs continue to rise, the District is sensitive to the current economic situation and will explore options that balance fees with environmental goals.

Where can I take glass for recycling?

We provide three glass drop-off sites and are adding more in 2012. The locations of the current drop-off sites are

- Taylorsville Park, 1628 West 4800 South
- Millcreek Upper District Park, 3800 South and Wasatch Blvd
- Holladay City, 4580 South 2300 East (South of city hall)

What about green waste?

Our waste audits showed that yard and grass trimmings account for 18% by volume of what is in the garbage can. At this time, we don't collect green waste with a curbside can, but we are always willing to explore options for increasing services if our customers need/want them.

Currently, if you have a large amount of branches and yard waste, we can offer a green waste trailer for just \$30 for three days.

To learn more about the waste audits we performed or for more information about our services, please contact our office at 385-468-6325, or visit our website at www.slco.org/sanitation.