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## **No Change for Customers; City of Austin Recyclables Staying Local**

On Oct. 1, the City launched a new contract with locally-owned Texas Disposal Systems, Inc. (TDS) for the processing of its Single Stream Recycling materials. Recyclables collected by the Solid Waste Services (SWS) crews are now being processed through TDS. The change will not affect customers. Customers can still recycle all the same items in their blue 90-gallon Single Stream Recycling carts. Solid Waste Services staff will continue to collect recycling curbside every other week.

By taking our recyclables to TDS, we're not only supporting a local business, we're also saving on transportation and processing fees, said Bob Gedert, SWS Director. Our goal is to continue to provide excellent service to our customers, promote waste reduction and increase resource recovery. These actions support the City of Austin's sustainability efforts and zero waste goals.

In August, Austin City Council authorized SWS to enter into a short-term contract with TDS and to negotiate a long-term contract for recycling processing. The short-term contract with TDS is for 12 months, with two options to extend for six months at a time. Negotiations are still underway for the long-term contract.