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**CITY OF KYLE BECOMES THE FIRST COMMUNITY IN CENTRAL TEXAS TO
PROVIDE CURBSIDE COMPOST AND SINGLE STREAM RECYCLING SERVICE**

Expanded service from Texas Disposal Systems includes more recycling options as well as annual bulky and brush pick-up

Kyle, TX - Beginning on April 4th, City of Kyle trash customers living in single-family homes will have a new collection system for keeping trash out of the landfill through curbside single-stream recycling and compost service from Texas Disposal Systems (TDS).

The expanded service follows a successful pilot program in some Kyle neighborhoods. Recycling will now be collected as a single-stream, mixing all accepted recyclables together in one cart and compostable materials in another cart - each cart being collected every other week. Trash will continue to be collected weekly.

Kyle is the first community in Central Texas to provide curbside service for both Single Stream Recycling and compost.

"Being good stewards of our environment and our natural resources is an important role for the City of Kyle as we continue to grow and become more visible and influential in the Central Texas Region," said Mayor Lucy Johnson of Kyle. "The feedback we received from the piloted neighborhoods indicated a strong desire for expanded recycling and waste reduction opportunities. This program meets these needs and much more."

TDS will begin delivering additional 96-gallon carts for the new program to single-family homes in the coming weeks, one with a tan lid for recycling and another cart with a green lid for compost.

"We have found that our customers who try the new carts realize the benefits and importance of diverting material from the landfill," said Rick Fraumann, TDS Director of Sales & Customer Care. "We also understand that some customers may not want the carts at this time. For those customers, we will accommodate their request."

Single Stream Recycling

The expanded list of acceptable materials allows customers to put all their recyclables, unsorted, into the larger cart.

Paper: including junk mail, newspapers, magazine

Cardboard: including cereal boxes, shipping boxes, shoe boxes

Containers: EMPTY containers made of plastic, metal, aluminum and glass, including bottles and cans.

Compost

Yard Debris: including grass clippings, tree and shrub limbs

Soiled Paper and Cardboard: including pizza boxes, paper towels, napkins

Bulky and Brush Pick-Up

Another part of the expanded residential service is large bulk and brush collection. Kyle residents can contact TDS once per year to have items such as furniture, appliances or bundled brush of up to 3 cubic yards (approximately the size of a washer and dryer) picked up at no additional charge.

Single-family homes in Kyle will see a \$2.67 increase per month on their monthly bill for these expanded services. Rates will increase from \$12.98/mth to \$15.65/mth. These rates include a 10% franchise fee that goes primarily toward road maintenance and other City of Kyle projects and programs.

Recyclables are taken to TDS' new materials recycling facility (MRF) just north of Kyle in Creedmoor where the materials are separated, processed and sent to market. Additionally, TDS has a compost operation where the material picked up from homes is turned into compost, soils and other products that are sold in Garden-Ville and other retail stores and used by gardeners throughout Central Texas.

Items recycled at the facility create an environmental benefit because recycling materials such as paper, glass, and metal helps protect valuable natural resources, save energy, promote clean air and water, and conserve landfill space.

"We expect to significantly increase the city's recycling volumes with single-stream recycling and composting," said Mayor Johnson. "Everyone is encouraged to participate in this program and take advantage of the expanded list of materials that can be recycled."

For more information on the new program and to view informational videos for Single Stream Recycling and compost service, visit www.texasdisposal.com/kyle, or call TDS Customer Care at 1-800-375-8375.