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DeKalb Announces Changes to Garbage and Recycling Container Requirements and Collection Procedures for Residential Customers

Only county-provided containers approved for use effective April 18

DECATUR, Ga. – The DeKalb County Sanitation Division announces changes to garbage and recycling container requirements and collection procedures for residential customers. Effective **April 18, 2016**, only county-provided green garbage roll carts, blue 65-gallon recycling roll carts, blue 18-gallon recycling bins and blue 40-gallon recycling bags are approved for garbage and recycling collection service.

Secure, durable plastic bags are approved for use for excess garbage disposal and can be placed next to customers' garbage roll carts on their scheduled collection day. Customer-provided yard trimmings containers with a 20- to 40-gallon capacity are currently approved for use for yard trimmings collection service and will remain in effect after April 18.

The use of customer-provided garbage or recycling containers will result in a delay in sanitation collection service, and customers will be issued a notice advising of the use of unapproved garbage or recycling containers.

These requirements and procedures are a critical component of the "Rolling Forward to One" sanitation service change program, which was approved by the DeKalb County Governing Authority. The use of county-provided garbage and recycling containers is an integral part of the County's mission to minimize injuries to field collection service employees and the potential for damage to customer-provided containers.

For more information on these requirements and procedures, any sanitation-related services, how to obtain a county-provided garbage roll cart or recycling container, or how to subscribe to the residential curbside single-stream recycling program, contact the Sanitation Division's customer service team at 404-294-2900 or sanitation@dekalbcountyga.gov, or visit www.dekalbcountyga.gov, www.dekalbsanitation.com, www.rollingforwardtoone.com or www.keepdekalbbeautiful.org

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