

## Automated Side-loader Truck

### A Move Toward Greater Curbside Collection Operational Efficiency

Dear DeKalb Resident:

The DeKalb County Sanitation Division is introducing automated side-loader collection trucks (ASLs) within its service area. These technologically advanced garbage and recycling trucks are geared toward improved curbside collection efficiency and serviceability; decreased labor, fuel and operational costs; reduced employee workplace injuries; garbage and recycling collection route optimization; and an enhanced ability to serve the Sanitation Division's ever-increasing customer base. The implementation of this countywide initiative will begin late fall 2019 and continue throughout 2020.

This new addition to our collection fleet reflects one of the most contemporary and enhanced sanitation collection trucks within the solid waste industry, and is part of an impressive McNeilus line of patented and superior sanitation collection vehicle options durable enough to handle the demands and challenges of the County's residential garbage and recycling collection routes. ASLs offer the ability to complete a full collection route (800-1,200 homes) in 7-8 hours by a single operator, versus a rear-loader truck that requires a three-person crew and 10 hours to complete a full collection route. Further, to ensure the highest levels of efficiency within the truck's operational, safety and communication functions, all ASLs have been retrofitted with cameras, two-way radios and steering that facilitates easy navigation of tight turns in cul-de-sacs.

In anticipation of this countywide initiative, we have embarked on a public education campaign to enlighten you on various components of this initiative, including residents' responsibilities aimed at ensuring the success of this initiative's implementation. Elements of our public relations campaign include, but are not limited to, a frequently asked questions document; a roll cart decal to be placed on every household's garbage roll cart; and a public service announcement (PSA) with pertinent details on the initiative's policies and procedures.

Please join us in our quest toward greater curbside collection efficiency. It is always a pleasure serving you, and we look forward to serving bringing optimum sanitation service levels to DeKalb communities.

Yours in service,



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