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Alternating Pick-up Schedule of Green Waste and Recycling Starts February 1, 2009!

Dear City of Lemoore Resident,

As you may be aware, the City will be changing the pick-up schedule of recycling and green waste to every other week. This decision was made so refuse rates would not have to be increased. Alternating pick-up not only saves the residents money, but will reduce congestion by having fewer containers in the street, reduce the number of refuse trucks going by your house on pick-up day, reduce fuel usage, and will help improve air quality. This new pick-up schedule will start the week of February 1, 2009.

The City spent four weeks in July and August monitoring the usage of recycling and green waste containers to see if residents actually need the weekly pick-up the City has historically provided. The results showed that only a small percentage of residents actually needed that level of service. The City asked for and received numerous comments from the public on this issue with the overwhelming majority willing to change their pick-up schedule, many stating that they only put their containers out every other week anyway. In addition, City staff researched how 60 other cities in California have implemented this same type of pick-up schedule with much success. Instead of raising rates for everybody, the Council decided to reduce pick-up of recycling and green waste to every other week.

The City of Lemoore understands that this transition may be challenging for residents and we are doing our best to try to address any potential problems. For those residents that may have a large family or a large property to maintain, the City will provide one extra green container and/or one extra recycling container free of charge. We encourage people to wait to see if this new pick-up schedule will work for them before requesting extra containers. These extra containers are meant for people that have a year round use for these containers, not for those who may need some extra capacity once or twice a year. Plus, you probably wouldn't want to be storing an extra container in your yard just to use it a couple times per year. The flyer on the back of this page show several ways you can reduce the volume in your green waste and recycling containers and handle those periodic times when extra capacity is needed.

Forms to request additional containers will become available on March 1, 2009. If after some time, you feel that you need an extra container, these forms will be available at City Hall or online at www.lemoore.com under the refuse/recycling tab that can be filled out and returned to City Hall with your utility bill.

If you are one of the few people in the City that already has an extra green or blue container, you may receive a third container, but there will be a charge of \$3/month for the third recycling container (and \$3 for every container thereafter) and \$8/month for a third green waste container (and \$8 for every container thereafter).

The calendar magnet is your schedule for green waste and recycling pick-up. This schedule is also available online. Your actual pick-up days will not change, just which containers you put out on that day. On each week highlighted in green, the green waste container and the black refuse container will be picked up. On each week highlighted in blue, the blue recycling container and the black refuse container will be picked up. The black refuse container will continue to be picked up every week as mandated by the California Health and Safety Code. Again, this new pick-up schedule will begin the week of February 1, 2009.

Please make sure that you have the correct containers out each week because the City will not go back to pick-up containers if residents did not have their containers out on time or did not have the correct container out.

The City of Lemoore thanks you in advance for your cooperation to make this transition as smooth as possible. If you have any questions, contact us at refuse@lemoore.com or 924-6744.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David Wlaschin".

David Wlaschin
Public Works Director

"In God We Trust"