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REFUSE COLLECTION SCHEDULE REMINDER

SUFFOLK, Virginia (July 1, 2010) Effective July 6th, the City of Suffolk Department of Public Works will be converting to a four day trash pick-up schedule. Mondays will no longer be a regular trash pick-up day, so keep this in mind when cleaning up after your 4th of July cookouts! This change will allow for efficiencies and cost savings, as trash collections during holiday weeks will no longer have to be picked-up on weekends. Further, along with this schedule change, about 1800 residents currently on manual routes will be converting to automated pick-ups and have received their 90-gallon cans.

The Downtown Business Overlay District (DBOD) will also see some changes, as they are going to a twice-weekly collection. In the past, Monday collections required businesses to get their refuse out before 7 a.m., which is before many businesses in the DBOD open. Many businesses would put their trash out on Saturday night, letting it sit at the curb all day Sunday, which is a violation of the Refuse Ordinance, as trash containers cannot be placed at the curb any earlier than 5 pm the day before collection. The only other alternative for businesses in this area was to wait until Wednesday before their weekend trash would be collected. With the new schedule, all businesses in the DBOD will have their refuse collected on Tuesdays and Fridays.

For scheduling information including subdivisions and streets, and to view citywide maps of affected areas, visit the city website at www.suffolk.va.us/trashcollection.html.

Customers that have questions are asked to contact the Department of Public Works at 757-514-7630.

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