



MEMORANDUM

DATE: July 20, 2012

TO: Honorable Mayor and Council Members

FROM: Nancy Petersen 
Interim Director
Environmental Services

SUBJECT: Notification to Mayor and Council of an Environmental Services Pilot Program-Household Hazardous Waste Home Pick-up

In October 2012, Environmental Services (ES) staff will initiate a pilot program to provide home pick-up of residential household hazardous waste (HHW). The purpose of the program is to provide another opportunity for residents to dispose of hazardous waste they may have at their homes. In FY 2011, only 12% of ES residential customers used the existing HHW program, indicating the need for program expansion. This pilot may encourage customer participation through increased convenience.

The pilot program will last between three months to one year, and will allow City of Tucson residential customers to have their HHW picked-up from their residence for a fee of \$25. The material will be collected by ES OSHA trained staff and will be delivered to the Tucson/Pima County HHW main collection site located on Sweetwater Drive. The material will be sorted and either reused, recycled or disposed. Approximately 98% of all the material collected by HHW is either reused or recycled.

The pilot program area will be in the Wednesday residential collection area (map attached). This area is roughly bounded by River Road to the north, Euclid/Park Avenue to the east and city limits to the west and south. The area was selected due to its proximity to the HHW main site. Eligible ES residential customers will be mailed information introducing the program and how to schedule a collection.

ES staff will set up appointments for collection with residential customers who request the service by contacting ES Customer Service at 791-3171. Customers will be provided with information guidelines for the pick up. All material for collection by ES staff must be labeled and packaged to prevent spills or leaks and placed out the day of pick up only at their door. It is anticipated that ES staff will spend less than 15 minutes at each residential site. The customer will be charged \$25 on their next water bill.

ES staff will use the pilot program to determine if there is significant interest in the program, whether the program should be expanded and the appropriate fee for home collection of HHW. This service will not replace free collection of HHW at the main site, Los Reales Landfill and monthly outreach events. If you have any questions regarding this proposed program please call me at 837-3716.

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Attachment: HHW – Wednesday Collection Pilot Map

cc: Richard Miranda, City Manager
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