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NEWS RELEASE

# Wind and Trash Don't Mix

## High wind watch Tuesday through Thursday

**EL PASO, Texas** – High winds are expected for the region Tuesday through Thursday and, the City of El Paso Environmental Services Department (ESD) reminds residents not to place blue recycling bins out for collection if they are less than half-full.

The ESD recommends that residents wait for their next scheduled pick-up day to place their blue recycling bins out for collection to help reduce wind-blown debris. Residents are also encouraged to bring in their bins once they have been emptied to eliminate them blowing into the streets and causing road hazards.

Blue bins should only be set out for collection when they are more than half-full. Items placed inside recycling bins should not be bagged.

With the expected high winds, and in accordance with City ordinance, items in the regular gray trash bins must be bagged in order to eliminate garbage spilling out and scattering all over the street.

For more information about garbage and recycling services during windy weather, call 311 or visit the Environmental Services Department website at [www.elpasotexas.gov/environmental-services](http://www.elpasotexas.gov/environmental-services)

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