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**NEWS RELEASE**

## **City Encourages Customers to Clean Out Bins** Effort to Curtail Trash Odor Nuisance

**EL PASO, Texas** – The City of El Paso Environmental Services Department (ESD) is asking its customers to help reduce odors from trash and recycling bins by cleaning out their containers on a regular basis.

High temperatures intensify trash odors, which can become a nuisance. Chapter 9 of the El Paso City Code requires residents to maintain their trash and recycling bins in a "clean and nuisance-free condition."

ESD offers four helpful tips for cleaning the bins:

1. Rinse and drain food residue from recyclables. Recyclable material such as paper, plastic, aluminum, and cardboard should not be bagged. Shredded paper and plastic bags are no longer accepted recyclable items.
2. Wash bins on a regular basis with dish soap or vinegar
3. Bag all trash placed in the gray bin.
4. The lids for each bin should always be closed completely.

The "ESD Works For You" app can help residents learn more about sanitation services offered. Residents have the option to download the free app in English or Spanish. Residents may also use the app to request bin repairs (which are free of charge), learn about what to recycle, or set a collection day reminder to put their trash out.

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