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City of El Paso Constructing New Cells at Greater El Paso Landfill

Project Adding Years of Municipal Solid Waste Capacity

EL PASO, Texas—The City of El Paso Environmental Services Department is constructing six new cells at the Greater El Paso Landfill to prepare for the future.

The project covers 65 acres at the municipally-owned landfill located at 2600 Darrington Road, and will provide the City with space to dispose of solid waste for the next 12 years. This \$20 million investment is funded by solid waste fees is programmed for completion in 2026.

“The landfill is one of the City’s most valuable assets because efficient solid waste disposal safeguards public health and safety. Everything our residents throw in trash bins at home ends up at a landfill,” Environmental Services Department Director Nicholas Ybarra said. “Constructing new cells shows we are making strategic and financially responsible investments to control costs and manage El Paso future solid waste disposal needs.”

Daily 1,500 to 2,000 tons of waste from household and businesses are delivered to the landfill by municipal and private haulers from within the city limits and surrounding communities, such as Horizon, Clint and Fabens. Hazardous and industrial waste are not allowed in Texas Type 1 landfills and must be disposed through designated disposal sites.

Landfill operations and cell construction are highly regulated by state and federal agencies to ensure environmental protection. The City last developed new landfill cells in 2018. Constructing new cells requires removing more than two million cubic yards of dirt, installing liners to protect soil and groundwater, and integrating specialized systems to collect and manage liquid byproducts from decomposing waste.

ABOUT THE LANDFILL

The landfill is open to the public and private haulers Monday through Saturday, from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Disposal fees begin at \$16 per truckload for waste weighing less than one ton. Learn more at www.ElPasoTexas.Gov/ESD.

DO YOUR PART

Residents can help extend landfill capacity by:

- Reducing consumption, reusing items, and recycling whenever possible.
- Bagging waste before placing it in gray trash bins to help prevent windblown litter.

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