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City of El Paso to Suspend Recycling Collections Due to Strong Winds

EL PASO, Texas — The City of El Paso Environmental Services Department will suspend curbside collections of blue recycling bins scheduled for Wednesday and Thursday, February 18-19, due to strong winds with gusts exceeding 40 mph.

High winds create unsafe conditions for the public and solid waste collection crews. Customers impacted by this weather-related collection change should roll their blue bins out to the curb on Monday, February 23. Gray bins will not be collected on Monday.

Recycling bins are suspended during high wind warning days because the blue bins weigh less than trash bins due to their contents and are more likely to tip over on windy days, spilling recyclables throughout the neighborhood.

Collections of gray trash bins will continue as scheduled. Residents are asked to leave their gray trash bins at the curb until they are emptied.

“The safety of our employees and the public is our utmost priority. Customers impacted will have their blue bins emptied on Monday, February 23,” Environmental Services Director Nicholas Ybarra said.

Environmental Services will continue to monitor weather conditions this week to determine its impact on collections and solid waste management. The Greater El Paso Landfill and its Citizen Collection Stations, or drop-off sites, may close early if the winds contribute to significantly reduced visibility.

For more information, customers may call (915) 212-6000.

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