

## ATTENTION ALL BINGLEWOOD RESIDENTS (Sections 1 through 6)

Pursuant to the attached letter from the City of Houston, all black automated trash containers and all green automated recycling containers are to be stored in a **secure**, **non-visible** location per the City of Houston Ordinance. This means either store them behind your fence in a place where they cannot be seen or in the garage. Storing these containers in the front or sides of your home will not be acceptable. The only time these containers are to be seen is on Binglewood's specified trash days and recycling days and they are to be put up in their proper place by the end of that day.

Thank you in advance for your prompt attention to this matter.

Binglewood Officers and Board of Directors



## **CITY OF HOUSTON**

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Correspondence

Solid Waste Management Department

To:

Councilmember Brenda Stardig

District A

From:

Harry Hayes, Director

Solid Waste Management Department

Date:

June 17, 2010

Subject:

Binglewood Civic Club

My department has been contacted by the Binglewood Civic Club regarding issues with storage of ninety-six (96) gallon garbage and recycling carts. Residents are locating their carts in such a manner that they are visible from the street and thus creating an unsightly condition throughout the neighborhood. They have asked for something from the City of Houston outlining the City's requirements concerning correct storage of solid waste and recycling containers. Below, please find the ordinance requirements as outlined in Chapter 39 of the Code of Ordinances.

Section 39-62 (g) is copied below, and specifically deals with how automated service containers and other equipment should be stored:

"It shall also be the duty of each person who receives automated service containers and other equipment to store the equipment in a secure place where it will not be visible to a person standing in the right-of-way of any public street adjacent to the property where the equipment is used, except while placed for collection in accordance with this chapter. It is a defense to prosecution under this subsection that the person's property is so configured that no location exists for storage of the equipment in a place where it is not visible to a person standing in the right-of-way of a public street adjacent to the property".

Residents should remove their service container from the curbline and public view by 10:00 p.m. on the day of collection and store it in a secure location, if not, they may be cited by NPC.

Harry Hayes, Directo

Department of Solid Waste Management

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## Trash and Recycling Guidelines for Binglewood

The black rolling household garbage can should be placed in front of your home no earlier than 6pm Thursday, facing so it opens toward the street. After it is emptied on Friday it should be stored either in the backyard or garage, out of plain view of the street, by no later than 10pm Friday. Do not put the following items in your garbage can: household chemicals; construction, demolition and remodeling debris; dead animals; computer equipment.

The green rolling recycling can is emptied every other Friday. The same rules apply when you place it in front of your home and return it to its place – out no earlier than 6pm Thursday; put away no later than 10pm Friday, out of plain view of the street. Only put recyclable materials in the green can – not garbage. Items accepted are: recyclable plastics #1-#5; #7 (Please Rinse & Drain), aluminum and tin cans, corrugated cardboard, mail, newspapers, telephone books, envelopes, home and office paper, magazines, and used motor oil (place the oil back in its original container, tightly capped).

Plastic Items **Not Accepted**: All #6 plastics (including Styrofoam), plastic bags, packaging material, meat food trays, food wrap, toys and furniture. To confirm whether it is a recycling week, go to www.houstonsolidwaste.org, or call 3-1-1.

Tree Waste months are January, March, May, July, September and November.

Junk Waste months are February, April, June, August, October and December.

"Tree Waste" is defined as "clean wood waste such as tree limbs, branches, and stumps (lumber, furniture, and treated wood will not be accepted).

"Junk Waste" is defined as items such as furniture, appliances, and other bulky material. Junk Waste may not be placed for collection during a Tree Waste Month. Please Note: Tree Waste is accepted during Junk Waste Months. However, to ensure that your Tree Waste is recycled, you may hold your tree waste materials until the next Tree Waste designated month or take it to the Windfern Neighborhood Depository. In Binglewood, the days for heavy trash pickup depend on which section you live in. For Sections 1 & 2, heavy trash pick up is the fourth Wednesday of the month. For Sections 3-6, heavy trash pickup is the fourth Tuesday. For more information, go to www.houstonsolidwaste.org, or call 3-1-1.

## 6023 Windfern 77040 Heavy Trash Depository

If you miss heavy trash day or do not want to wait for heavy trash day, you can go to this nearest depository. From Clay Road, take Campbell Rd north toward Hempstead Hwy. A block before reaching Hempstead Hwy, turn left on Sommemeyer. Go 2 blocks and you will see a sign for the Windfern Depository. Hours of Operation are 9am – 6pm, 7 days a week. Residents may use the depository four times per month, and are encouraged to arrive at least 30 minutes before closing time to allow adequate time to unload. Each user must provide the following as proof of residency:

- Texas Driver's License or ID
- A current utility bill or city property tax receipt For additional information call 713.895.1003.