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Evansville to Automate Trash Service and Simplify Recycling, Lowering Rates

EVANSVILLE, IN – In January 2013, Evansville will begin implementing a new single-container, automated trash service, along with a separate container single-stream (commingled), automated recycling program, which will lower customers' rates. The Evansville Water and Sewer Utility Board approved Allied Waste Services' bid to provide residential refuse collection, disposal and recycling services for 10 years and awarded Allied Waste Services a five-year street sweeping contract. The city's trash collection, recycling services and street sweeping is currently managed by Allied Waste Services and has been for a number of years.

The new automated trash services and single-stream recycling will be implemented as a phased-in approach for customers city-wide over a period of a few months, starting in January, when distribution of the container carts will begin.

For 2013, the Evansville Water and Sewer Utility Board is proposing a reduced residential waste services rate of \$10.65 per month to cover trash, recycling and street sweeping. The current rate is \$12.15 per month for trash and recycling services. The proposed rate is subject to City Council approval.

"The more modernized, automated and streamlined service will bring savings to residents," said Ed Ziemer, deputy director of operations for the Evansville Water and Sewer Utility. "And, we hope the ease of single-stream recycling encourages residents to recycle more, reducing their trash," he added.

Mayor Lloyd Winnecke added, "Another positive aspect of the enhanced recycling program is the jobs that will be created at Tri State Resource Recovery, which processes the City's residential recyclables." The Evansville Water and Sewer Utility anticipates eight to 10 new jobs will be created at Tri State

Resource Recovery, a nonprofit corporation owned and operated by the Evansville Urban Enterprise Association.

Under the new contract, waste services will include:

Residential trash service

- Standardization of residents' trash containers using a 96-gallon cart (or smaller cart available upon request)
- One time per week pick-up service
- Automated curb and alley pickup – alley pick-up to be converted to curbside pick-up where conducive
- Special spring cleanup service (for four weeks in spring)
- Special unlimited bagged (biodegradable or paper bags) leaf service in fall
- Christmas tree pickup (with normal trash)

Recycling service

- 96- or 48-gallon cart with green color-coded lid for recycling
- Single-stream (commingled) recycling, making recycling easier
- Every other week automated service at the same location as trash pick-up
- Additional materials will be accepted for recycling starting in 2013.

Heavy trash services

- Spring and fall pickup; same as current program

Street sweeping will continue to cover the entire city with downtown business district sweeping once per week; sweeping of main thoroughfares and arteries into the city, including state highways, once a month; and sweeping of residential areas twice a year – once in the spring and once in the fall.

More information about the new trash and recycling services will be shared with customers during the next few months. www.ewsu.com