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Sanitation Department Upgrades to Save Customers Money



The City of Washington has been looking for ways to cover the rising costs of providing services to the Citizens of Washington without passing the burden on to their customers in rate increases. The City has succeeded with some innovative ideas that were put into action with the Sanitation department.

The City has made the change from a rear load garbage truck to the front load, seen above with driver, Calvin Rhodes. This change has shaved 2 1/2 hours from the daily route. The time saved will now be spent helping other departments that lost employees due to retirement that the City did not have to replace, due to recent department restructuring. "We are providing the Citizens with the same level of service, and in most cases better service, with a lower cost of labor", said Mayor Ames Barnett in a recent council meeting.



Another change is the use of dumpsters for trash collectors to dump into. (Above)

These new dumpsters are strategically placed throughout town to allow the garbage collectors to dump in them instead of having a second garbage truck just waiting / idling in the neighborhoods. The City also designed and custom made side arms, which are being installed onto the side-by-sides. This allows the drivers to pick up roll outs at local businesses and in some neighborhoods. This change is another reason why the Sanitation department is able to shift from using two trucks to just one.

The City encourages all residents to not put trash around these dumpsters. They are strictly for the City to use for residential trash pickup. Continue to put your trash out in your containers at your home. If you have large items, such as mattresses, chairs, etc. please leave them on the curb. "With the City's new grapple truck, we are able to easily pickup white goods with no extra charge to the residents. When items are left beside the dumpsters, not only does it not look good, but we have to pull our truck from their regular route to come and pick up the items, costing the City more money" stated City Administrator Bailey. If you see someone dumping in your neighborhood, please report it.

The City serves over 1,600 residential and 160 commercial trash customers. "We are able to pick up trash with half the work force we previously had in the Sanitation department. But we are human, and sometimes we may miss a house from time to time", stated Supervisor, Darrell Rogers. "If this happens, please call City Hall and let us know. We do our best to ensure the customers enjoy the benefits of back door pickup without the added cost".

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Community Calendar



****October 10th-** Council Worksession & Meeting 5:30 p.m.
****October 13th-** Tiger Homecoming Parade
****October 22nd-** Nancy Long Cancer Awareness Walk & Jason Chapman 5-K