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City to implement new Grapple Truck system

ADA – Effective immediately, the City of Ada will implement a new Grapple Truck system designed to maximize efficiency and keep neighborhoods cleaner.

“We understand this may take a little while for citizens to adjust to, but once everyone understands the new pick-up system it will really help beautify our community,” said Ada City Manager David Hathcoat.

Currently, the Grapple Truck responds to a call-in list only and criss-crosses the city picking up curbed items. Over the past few years, demand for the Grapple Truck has greatly increased and this system is no longer efficient. An unfortunate side effect is that unsightly piles of debris are often left standing for extended periods of time.

Quadrant System

The new system will keep the Grapple Truck operating in a continuous pattern so that every city quadrant will be covered according to a set schedule each month. Each of the city’s quadrants will correspond to a week of each month. For this new system, a week refers to Monday through Friday. Also, the service is for residences inside the city limits.

The Grapple Truck will serve Quadrant 1 only during the first full week of the month (and that means the Monday starts in that particular month and not at the end of the previous month). Quadrant 1 includes residences north of Main Street and west of Broadway.

Quadrant 2 will be eligible for Grapple Truck services during the second full week of the month. This area includes residences East of Broadway and north of Main Street, the East Central University campus, and north of Woodland Drive.

The Grapple Truck will serve Quadrant 3 during the third full week of each month. This quadrant includes residences south of Main Street and west of Broadway.

Quadrant 4 will be eligible for Grapple Truck services during the fourth full week of the month (even if the week ends in the subsequent month). Quadrant 4 includes the homes east of Broadway and south of Main, the ECU campus, and south of Woodland.

Fees

To help offset the costs of operating the Grapple Truck on a continual basis, the city will assess collection fees on most items (excluding brush, limbs, and shrubs).

However, the fee schedule is currently under design and review so no fees will be assessed for the immediate future.

No Longer Accepted

The Grapple Truck is no longer picking up construction materials or lawn clippings. These items may be hauled to the landfill by the resident or a contracted hauler.

This information, along with a weekly Grapple Truck schedule, will be posted on the city's website at www.adaok.com. For more information on the Grapple Truck collection system, please contact Ada City Hall at (580) 436-8113 or Ada Public Works Authority at (580) 436-8100.

For more information about the City of Ada, visit our Web site at www.adaok.com.