

Waste Management to increase collection days

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A Waste Management truck stops to empty a refuse bin.

Garbage service pick-up will be increased to five days a week for Hampton residents, thanks to a recent proposal by Waste Management.

Currently, the company, which is contracted with the township, collects garbage and recyclables only on Mondays. The company's request to modify the collection schedule was approved by Hampton Township Council last month.

The new schedule will begin in January, and Waste Management will be sending out communication to alert residents of the change, according to Waste Management Public Affairs Coordinator Erika Deyarmin-Young

"Staff highly recommends it," said Christopher Lochner, Hampton Township manager.

If the company misses a home's collection for any reason, they have to be contacted to return, he said. And that can occasionally be challenging to coordinate.

"There will be no dramatic effect on residents themselves," said Lochner. "This will be a huge advantage to us, operationally."

There will be a rate increase as required in the current contract at \$21.43 for regular curbside service for 2020.

Currently, it's \$83.24 every four months. Senior rate is \$74.92 every four months or a 10 percent for persons 65 or older, per the township website.

Additionally, Lochner said there is a growing problem of places that will take glass from garbage collection agencies to recycle. And it could affect Hampton.

"Waste Management said they do not have the market for it," he said.

Deyarmin-Young said they are still required by contract to collect glass from residents in Hampton Township and intend to do so. But the township can look for other opportunities.

“It is at the discretion of the Township to decide if they would like to offer any drop-off events for residents to participate in through 2020,” said Deyarmin-Young.

The township is planning on holding at least three Glass Recycling Pop-Up Events in 2020, hosted by the PA Resource Council, according to Bernet. Dates are yet to be determined.

The annual Recycle Rama in Hampton has always been well-attended. The 2020 event is scheduled for May 16, said Bernet. However, there will not be a glass recycling drop-off for this coming year, said Bernet.

“We are looking to add a couple of vendors, but will also eliminate a couple that have been difficult to recycle,” said Bernet.

This year Hampton Township will be spearheading it.

“Although the township has been very blessed to have a group of volunteers coordinate this event over the last 12 years, they have asked that the township take it over. We will be doing so in 2020 through our Community Services Department, spearheaded by Kevin Flannery and Melanie Martino,” said Bernet.

Flannery is the community services department director and Martino is a coordinator there.



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