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Waste Pro sees increased volume of residential trash during pandemic

May 22, 2020 – Waste Pro, Flagler County’s solid-waste contractor, has seen an approximate 50 percent increase in the volume of residential trash and yard waste. Appliance pick up has especially grown, from a typical 50 appliances collected per week in Flagler County, to the most recent tally of 157.

“It’s being reported all across the country that the volume of residential trash has spiked. While people are staying ‘Safer at Home’ they’ve had more time to spring clean, they have stimulus checks for appliances and projects, and I think we’re all generating more trash from frequent disinfecting,” said Flagler County General Services Director, Heidi Petito. “Waste Pro has been doing an exceptional job keeping pace with the demand.”

In spite of the disruptions caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, household trash collection has continued without interruption. For unincorporated areas of Flagler County, that means regular trash is collected twice weekly. Green yard waste is picked up once each week, as are recyclables. Collection of large household items, like appliances or furniture, are scheduled by calling the office.

Collections will take place Memorial Day week on the regular schedule, including pick up on Memorial Day for unincorporated households with Monday as a regular collection day.

Waste Pro has instructed staff to adopt protocols which – in an over-abundance of caution – assume that all surfaces could be contaminated by COVID-19, including waste, cart handles, trucks, and door handles. Collection personnel are maintaining social distance of six feet, wearing gloves and washing and sanitizing their hands often to minimize risk.

“Our office in Bunnell has been working diligently to keep our crews safe and healthy. They’re our unsung ‘essential’ heroes,” said Misty Schneider, Government Affairs Manager of the Northeast Florida Division of Waste Pro. “We very much appreciate the community’s support as we forge our way through these new challenges.”

Waste Pro is located at 401 S Bay Street in Bunnell. The office phone number is 386-586-0800.

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All residents and businesses are reminded to abide by Executive and Emergency Orders, and follow Florida Department of Health and CDC guidance.

Additionally, those who are sick and/or told to self-isolate are to: remain at home unless seeking medical care, cover coughs and sneezes, wear a facemask around others, and disinfect touched surfaces daily.

COVID-19 testing is available for Flagler County residents at a variety of locations, please visit www.FlaglerCounty.org, and following the links for COVID-19 and then select Screening & Testing for the latest options.

COVID-19 health related questions or concerns should be directed to your regular healthcare provider or the Florida Health hotline at 866-779-6121.

COVID-19 business concerns should be directed to the Florida Department of Business & Professional Regulation at 866-532-1440.

All other COVID-19 government services questions or concerns may be directed your municipality or the Emergency Operations Center at 386-313-4200.

Check for current information on Flagler County's website www.flaglercounty.org, and follow "Flagler County Government" or "Flagler County Emergency Management" on Social Media. The county's social media team will provide updates through these official accounts:

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