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**CITY OF BROWNSVILLE URGES RESIDENTS TO KEEP RECYCLABLE MATERIALS IN HOMES UNTIL RECYCLING CENTER REOPENS**

BROWNSVILLE, Texas — As the City of Brownsville continues its aggressive response to slow the spread of COVID-19, the City is urging its residents to keep recyclable materials in their homes until further notice.

Recycling services has been temporarily suspended by Republic Services and the recycling center located at 308 E. Elizabeth St, Brownsville, TX 78520 is also temporarily closed at this time. Household solid waste (non-recyclable trash) pick-up will continue at its normal, operating schedule.

This decision was made in order to shift workers and resources to solid waste pick-up and management to help with the increase in trash volume. In addition, the decrease in interaction between residents and workers will help to maintain a safe and healthy environment for everyone.

The City does encourage residents to continue recycling and is asking residents to be patient as city services and workers pivot to the areas of highest need.

Here are some best practices for recycling at home:

- Find a designated area inside your home to keep recyclables. Do not place them outside where they could attract pests and rodents.
- Rinse out bottles and cans before putting them in the recycling bin.
- Set aside items that can be donated, like furniture, clothing, housewares, and appliances, until donation centers reopen.

Please contact Brownsville's Non-Emergency Hotline by calling (956) 546-HELP (4357) or email [546help@cob.us](mailto:546help@cob.us) if you have any questions. For more information on the City of Brownsville's response to COVID-19, go to [www.btxcares.com](http://www.btxcares.com).

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