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### **Available Options for Discarding Green Waste**

**New Braunfels, TX** — While the City’s green waste curbside collection service remains temporarily suspended, residents still have options for disposing of their landscape trimmings. The Comal County Recycling Center, at 281 Resource Dr., is open and accepts green waste for a \$10 fee. Residents may also store their green waste bags in a clean, dry place and they will be picked up when this service resumes.

During this time, residents may also place any green waste bags in their trash bins if room is available. The lids must close in order to be picked up. Green waste bags are not allowed in the recycling bins. If a landscape company or contractor maintains the yard, they are responsible for the removal of the resulting debris.

The collection of green waste requires City staff to come in direct contact with the bags. The Solid Waste Association of North America recommends discontinuing or limiting all manual collection processes to protect workers during COVID-19, which has become the standard across the solid waste industry. Based on this recommendation, the City decided to follow this direction and suspend green waste collection beginning April 2.

Because most residents are being required to stay at home, the City has seen a substantial increase in trash and recycling collected from homes. To accommodate this increase, the employees who were dedicated to green waste are now focused on these essential services.

The City continues to monitor the situation and research if a partial rebate for the temporary suspension of green waste services is feasible. A part of the Solid Waste fee is the green waste bags, which are still available to residents and will be utilized once green waste collection resumes.

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