July 16, 2018

Dear Resident,

Our maps show that your property connects to one of the city’s many alleyways. Most residents who back up to an alley receive Waste Management trash, garbage and hand pile services from their alley. Hand piles are exactly as it sounds; something that could be picked up by hand (small amount of brush placed by cans). Due to the size of the knuckle boom trucks and the limited size of our alleys, all other piles will need to be placed on the front or side of resident’s property adjacent to the road. This will apply to all other materials that would be picked up by the knuckle boom.

During leaf season, piles of leaves will also fall under this same issue with the size of trucks used and limited space in alleyways. If you place bags of grass clippings or bags of leaves in the alley, be mindful of the weight of the bags and limit the number of bags to four. If you have a larger number of bags (5 or more) or a leaf/brush pile, place these at the road. Loose leaf piles must be separate from the brush piles. There has been an influx of large piles placed in alleys over the past two years. When these piles are in the alleys, the city has to shut down other services to retrieve these piles to keep our alleys passable, clear and clean. In the future, large piles placed in the alley will be the resident’s responsibility to move them to the front or side of their property for service.

Thank you for your assistance in keeping our alleys clean and serviceable. If you have questions, please contact Steven Gay, Assistant Public Works Director, at gayj@mtnbrook.org or 205-802-3870.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Sam S. Gaston
City Manager

Attachment
WASTE SERVICE INFORMATION FOR THE CITY OF MOUNTAIN BROOK

GARBAGE: Garbage is household solid waste. Garbage is serviced once per week behind the house or by the garage with a maximum container size of 30 gallons. Larger containers, including 90-gallon rolling carts, will have to be placed at the curb for pickup. If the driveway is blocked or there are dogs out, Waste Management may not be able to service the garbage.

RECYCLING: Is serviced once per week curbside, same day as garbage. The following items may be recycled:

- Newspaper, Mixed paper, Junk mail, Copy paper (most paper that tears), Aluminum, Steel and other metal cans,
- No. 1 and No. 2 plastics (HDPE-clear plastic milk jugs and PET plastic soft drink containers), Magazines,
- Cardboard (with no food on it), Moving boxes and other Corrugated or Cardboard like Cereal boxes.

**NO CONTAMINATION SUCH AS:** Glass, Plastic bags, Bulky plastic items (coolers / toys),
- Garden hoses, Wire hangers, Foam products, Electronics, Rubber balls.
- Contamination will cause loads to be delivered to MSW landfills.

One bin per household is provided by Waste Management. Additional bins can be purchased from Waste Management for $20.00 each.

TRASH: Is serviced once per week curbside, same day as garbage service. Trash examples are as follows:

- Small piles of limbs, bagged grass and leaves (up to 5 bags), furniture, mattresses, appliances, clothing, paper products, moving boxes, yard work supplies (flowerpots, hose and tools), glass, crockery and metal.

KNUCKLEBOOM: Collected on a weekly basis curbside, same day as garbage service. Tree limbs up to 90 pounds and up to 6 feet long. Only trees and limbs cut by the resident will be picked up by Waste Management. Any tree cutting and trimming work done by a contractor **MUST** be removed by the contractor.

PREPARATION FOR SPECIAL ITEMS:

- Paint Cans – Remove the lids of the cans. If paint is still inside, place sand, dirt or kitty litter on top of it, then set the cans, with lids off, at the curb on garbage pick-up day.

- Appliances with Freon (such as refrigerators and air conditioners) – **Will not** be picked up until these appliances have been drained of Freon and a certified sticker has been placed on the item. A technician at an appliance services department can provide the Freon removal. The items can then be placed at the curb on garbage pick-up day.

**ITEMS THAT WILL NOT BE PICKED UP:**

- Dirt, rocks, gravel, concrete bricks, construction material, batteries and tires.

**FOR REQUESTS OR COMPLAINTS, PLEASE CONTACT WASTE MANAGEMENT AT (205) 841-2740.**