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REPUBLIC SERVICES LABOR DISPUTE IMPACTING WASTE COLLECTION

SEAL BEACH, CA – Seal Beach waste collection is being disrupted by a work stoppage amid labor contract talks at Republic Services. Since December 9, Seal Beach as well as Republic Services (Republic) clients including Huntington Beach, Anaheim, Fullerton, and Placentia have been impacted by an interruption in trash collection.

The City of Seal Beach is not involved in talks between Republic Services and its workers, but City officials are stressing the need to see a swift resolution and contingency service. The City was initially informed that the strike would not have any material impact and that trash service would resume fairly quickly. The following is the statement provided by Republic Services to the City:

“Waste and recycling service has been temporarily delayed due to an unanticipated work stoppage at Republic Services. The company is in contract negotiations with a union representing some employees in Orange County. Those employees are engaged in a temporary work stoppage at Republic’s Huntington Beach and Anaheim locations. We respect the rights of our employees to engage in collective bargaining, and we will continue to work toward a fair contract. Because of this, Republic is experiencing significant delays in collection service but is working to resolve this situation as soon as possible. Residents impacted on Thursday December 9 and Friday December 10 should bring their carts out next week on their next regularly scheduled service day. Residents should not leave their carts on the curb between now and their next regularly scheduled service day. Commercial collection is also impacted. Service may be provided on a limited basis. We apologize for the inconvenience and are doing everything we can to resolve this temporary situation. Thank you for your patience and understanding.”

The latest update from Republic Services is as follows:

- Residents and businesses who normally have their trash picked-up this week on either Thursday or Friday are impacted.
- All commercial and industrial routes for solid waste, recycling and organics have been delayed and will be rerouted for collection next week.
- Republic has not provided a timeline as to when regular trash services will resume.

- Republic is working to have increased crews by Monday in an attempt to provide service.
- Republic has provided a 40-yard roll off container to the City to assist with the collection of Public Works trash and critical customers needing immediate unloading.
- Rossmoor Center businesses trash was collected on Saturday, December 11.
- Leisure World trash collection is not impacted as they contract with another waste hauler for trash collection.

Based on the current update from Republic, we recommend that Thursday and Friday trash collection customers take up your bins until your next regularly scheduled collection day. Use trash bags as needed and store them with your bins. Consider double bagging and make sure to tie close bags. Once partial or full residential service resumes, bags will be collected along with bin waste.

For Monday collection customers, you can put your bins at the curb Sunday night or Monday morning for possible service. In the event of no Monday service, we recommend taking up you bins Monday evening, utilizing bags, and awaiting updates ahead of your next scheduled pickup day.

Apartment and townhome community residents should bag waste and place it in community bins. If full, please check with your property manager for guidance.

Street sweeping in Seal Beach is not impacted and continues as scheduled.

While we are tracking this situation closely, we do not know when partial or full service will resume. Minimizing household waste is always a good idea and can be helpful as we work through this.

- * Avoid using disposable plates, cups, and silverware
- * Use refillable water bottles
- * Use cloths instead of paper towels
- * Reuse delivery boxes for wrapping Christmas gifts
- * Put off major yard work
- * Break down large boxes and bags with other paper goods

The City appreciates the community's patience throughout this frustrating ordeal and the City is committed to providing our residents and businesses with the latest information we receive from Republic. The City is also reviewing alternative options should Republic's contract dispute be prolonged. With no regularly scheduled weekend residential service, the next major update is expected to be provided to the City from Republic on Monday, December 13.

For questions and additional information on waste service disruption, please call Republic Services at (714) 238-2444.