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GSWA PROVIDES FREE TRASH COLLECTION SERVICES AND UPDATES ON TYPHOON RECOVERY EFFORTS

(Guam, May 29, 2023) – In the aftermath of Super Typhoon Mawar, the Guam Solid Waste Authority (GSWA) is committed to assisting in the typhoon recovery efforts. To prevent health and safety issues arising from trash accumulation, GSWA will be providing free trash collection services to all residents, includes those who are not registered customers of GSWA.

Please note the following important information regarding trash collection services and other updates related to GSWA operations and typhoon recovery efforts which will be in effect for the **next two weeks**:

Curbside Trash Collection for All Residents:

For the next two weeks, GSWA will be collecting trash for all residents, including homes that are not registered with GSWA, free of charge. Residents who do not have GSWA issued trash carts must ensure that all trash is bagged and/or placed in a personal trash container and placed curbside for collection. Customers who have GSWA issued recycle carts may use them for excess trash.

Construction debris and green waste, including leaves, branches, trees, and plants, will not be accepted for curbside collection by GSWA. Another agency will be responsible for handling construction debris and green waste collection.

Curbside collections will run from 3:00am to 7:00pm. Due to the increase in waste volume and several roads still blocked by typhoon debris, some delays may occur. Unfinished collection routes will continue to the next day to ensure all scheduled areas are serviced. Collection routes will also be coordinated with the Department of Public Works and the Guam Power Authority as those agencies are conducting work along roads and to avoid any conflicts or disruptions during the recovery process.

Temporary Suspension of Curbside Recycle and Bulky Waste Collection:

Curbside recycle collection and bulky waste collection services will be suspended until further notice. Customers who have current bulky waste appointments will be contacted for rescheduling once bulky waste collections resume. In the meantime, bulky waste items such as appliances and furniture will be accepted free of charge at the residential transfer stations located in Harmon, Agat, and Malojloj.



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Residential Transfer Stations (Harmon, Agat, and Malojloj):

The residential transfer stations will be open 7 days a week from 9:00am to 5:00pm for all residents to dispose of trash and bulky waste for free. Household appliances and furniture will be accepted. However, green waste and construction debris will not be accepted.

Replacement Trash Carts:

GSWA acknowledges that many customers have lost their GSWA issued trash and/or recycle carts due to the typhoon. Customers who wish to obtain a replacement cart may do so by visiting the GSWA Customer Service office. A replacement fee of \$74.75 must be paid prior to the reissuance of a cart. Cash or check payments will be accepted at the GSWA main office from Monday through Friday, 8:00am to 5:00pm.

GSWA is dedicated to assisting in the recovery process and providing necessary services and support to assist in the challenges and difficulties faced by our island residents during this time.

Please visit the GSWA website for further updates and announcements or contact GSWA Customer Service at 671-646-3111 or email customerservice@gswa.guam.gov.