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Franklin Launches Buck-A-Bag Program

Citizens Can Pay a Dollar a Bag for Extra Trash Pick-up at Their Curb

Franklin—The holidays are fast approaching and that means holiday parties, gift giving and extra trash. Instead of purchasing an additional roll-out container for \$75.00, citizens can now just pay one dollar for each extra bag they leave at the curb. It's part of Franklin's Pay-as-you-throw program. Citizens can purchase pink stickers to tie the bags through the City's Utility Billing Division or the Solid Waste Offices beginning Monday, November 2. The stickers are sold in groups of five for \$1.00 each or \$5.00 per pack. There is no limit to how many citizens can purchase, however it is required that each extra bag have a sticker so the garbage collector will know they are allowable for pick-up under the new program.

Last year Franklin enacted a new ordinance that discontinued the collection of bagged household garbage placed next to rollout containers. That rule is still in effect, except for the bags that have a pink Buck-A-Bag sticker. Yard waste will still be required to be bagged in biodegradable paper bags but do not require stickers.

"This is an exciting program and offers citizens an alternative to purchasing an extra rollout container," said Solid Waste Director Becky Caldwell. "Often times special events create extra trash, and if it only occurs a few times a year, the Buck-A-Bag program is perfect for those residents."

"The pay-as-you-throw program allows residents to pay for the services they need, based on the volume of household waste produced," said City Administrator Eric Stuckey. "Many other Cities across the nation have utilized this type of program with much success. We believe it will be a success here and a relief for our citizens, especially in those busiest months that can create excess garbage.

To purchase the Buck-A-Bag stickers you may go to the following locations Monday through Friday.:

Utility Billing

City Hall
109 3rd Avenue South
Franklin
(615) 794-4572
8:00-4:30 p.m.

Solid Waste Department

417 Century Court
Franklin
(615) 794-1516
Personal Checks Only
7:00-4:00 p.m.

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