

Communications

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Disruptions to household waste and recycling this Friday

Canberra residents are advised that household waste and recycling services will not be collected this Friday 13 May 2016 due to industrial action by drivers employed by collection contractor SUEZ.

Contractor SUEZ and the Transport Workers Union (TWU) have been engaged in enterprise bargaining negotiations since February 2016.

On Friday 6 May 2016, the Australian Electoral Commission (AEC) held a ballot of drivers to determine support for lawful industrial action under the *Fair Work Act 2009*. The AEC today confirmed results of the ballot are in favour of industrial action.

The TWU, representing the drivers, today provided the three working days' notice required for industrial action to take place on Friday 13 May.

The ACT Government encourages both parties to continue bargaining in good faith and reach agreement as quickly as possible to avoid further disruption to the community.

Residents whose household waste and recycling bins are scheduled for collection on Friday are encouraged to leave their bins out as missed collections are likely to be picked up on Saturday 14 May 2016. This will be confirmed before Friday.

Michael Trushell, Director of ACT NOWaste, said the ACT Government is working with contractor SUEZ to develop contingency measures to help minimise impacts on residents.

“As further industrial action may be lawfully undertaken up to 8 June 2016, we are putting plans in place to minimise any impacts on households.

“We would encourage people to be mindful of their waste generation over the next few weeks. By minimising the amount of waste created, people may be able to help their friends, family or neighbours by offering any room they have in their bin to someone who needs it to dispose of excess waste.”

The ACT Government will keep the community informed of the industrial action including any further potential impacts to residents and alternative disposal options.

Information will be made available via the free My Waste app which can be downloaded online from the Territory and Municipal Services (TAMS) website at www.tams.act.gov.au, on the TAMS website, by following @tamsmediaroom on Twitter, liking the ACT Government Facebook page, or by calling Access Canberra on 13 22 81.

To check what day their household bins are collected people can view the recycling and garbage collection calendar on the [Territory and Municipal Services website](http://www.tams.act.gov.au).

A list of suburbs scheduled for collection on Friday 13 May is attached.

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Suburbs scheduled for waste collection services on Friday are as follows:

Acton	Downer	Lyneham (south of Ginninderra Drive)
Ainslie	Duntroon*	Narrabundah*
Barton*	Forrest*	Oaks Estate*
Beard*	Franklin	O'Connor
Braddon*	Griffith*	Pialligo*
Campbell*	Hackett	Red Hill*
City	Harrison	Reid
Deakin*	Hughes*	Turner
Dickson	Kingston*	Watson
		Yarralumla*

*Recycling collections also scheduled on this day.