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Solid Waste removing debris in North Murfreesboro and Thompson Lane

MURFREESBORO, Tenn. – The City Solid Waste Department advises residents along Thompson Lane that Knuckle boom trucks will be working in the area beginning Friday, May 8. This includes residents on Haynes Drive and in Riverbend Regency Park subdivision.

K-boom truck crews this week are making their way through North Murfreesboro including Northwoods subdivision, Memorial Blvd. to Compton Rd, the Bradford Place neighborhood off DeJarnette Lane, the Hamptons subdivision to Osborne Lane, as well as Hawksridge subdivision and Brentmead to Compton Road.

Following ice and snow storms in late February and early March and the follow-up brush and yard waste removal in April, the Solid Waste Department continues to haul away tree limbs and brush that is taking longer than expected due to the abnormally high volume.

“We ask residents to be patient as crews work their way throughout the City,” said Solid Waste Director Joey Smith. “We are making a second round throughout the City which is taking longer than the normal three week time period.”

In April, Solid Waste boom trucks collected 1,954 tons of yard waste compared to 1.032 tons in April 2014. In March, trucks collected 1,270 tons of brush. By comparison to a year ago, K-boom trucks picked-up just 831 tons of brush in March 2014. This is a 73 percent increase.

Solid Waste employs a total of 38 solid waste drivers. Seven of those workers are assigned to K-boom trucks to haul away brush throughout the City limits. The K-booms pick-up brush on a normal 4-day a week schedule from safe light until 4 p.m. Solid Waste will be working overtime on Saturday and Wednesday to help pick-up debris.

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Over a normal 21 day cycle, the K-boom drivers will make their way through every neighborhood in the City to clear debris from the edge of streets. Residents can assist in making the process go more smoothly by following a few simple guidelines to improve service and efficiencies for the City and its customers.

- Place the tree limbs and brush parallel to the street.
- Make sure the debris is in one pile only instead of several piles.
- Don't place brush longer than 10 feet in length.
- Don't place brush under low-lying power lines and cable lines to allow room for the boom to work.
- Don't park a vehicle near the brush pile during daylight hours.

Residents are asked to place debris within five to 10 feet of the street so the K-booms can reach them. Limbs should not be placed too far out in the street since this causes traffic hazards and potential drainage problems.

Only biodegradable paper bags are accepted for those residents who choose to bag leaves. Residents are also asked to keep loose leaves separate from yard waste like brush, debris and limbs, because mixing them causes damage to the vacuum units and slows vacuum collection. Collected leaves and debris are trucked to Murfreesboro's mulch site at 4765 Florence Rd. where the leaves are mulched.

For more information on Solid Waste collection, visit the department webpage at <http://www.murfreesborotn.gov/Index.aspx?NID=256> or call 615-893-3681.

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