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June 24, 2024

## ANNOUNCING NEW WASTE MANAGEMENT SERVICE IN GRETNA

Dear Resident,

We are delighted to introduce a new garbage contractor, River Birch Renewable Energy, for our waste management services. We are so fortunate that River Birch is locally owned, locally operated, and locally staffed, and we are looking forward to what we hope will be a seamless transition when our new service begins on July 1, 2024.

For your information, please note the following details:

- New container distribution began on June 17. Waste Connections will be leaving their current carts and River Birch has kindly agreed to allow you to use it as a second cart. Please note once old carts are damaged, they will be picked up and will not be replaced. You may purchase additional carts from River Birch by calling 504-215-8020.
- Your collection days will remain the same. Pickup on the north side of the Westbank Expressway will continue on Monday and Thursday, and the south side pickup will still take place on Tuesday and Friday.
- As in the past, please remember to put your cart out the night before or by 5 AM on the morning of your scheduled pickup, and please avoid loose garbage by first securing all trash in bags before placing it in your container.
- Bulky waste collection is still available and will occur every week on your second collection day. Please check the River Birch website rbre-la.com for details on size and volume limits.
- With our new garbage and debris pickup contract, we're hoping to streamline the problem-solving process for you. If you have an issue such as a damaged cart, bulk debris, or a missed collection, just visit the website at rbre-la.com and access the City of Gretna link there to report your issue, or call **504-215-8020**.

- Although everyone in Jefferson Parish is feeling the loss of curbside recycling, we are excited to announce our alternative – a brand new drop-off site on Burmaster Street close to the Crescent City Connection, which is scheduled to open in January 2025. Stay tuned for further information about all of the recycling that will take place there as well as how to drop off all of your unwanted goods.

As a three-time, statewide competition winner of the Louisiana Garden Club Association's Cleanest City Contest, the City of Gretna and its residents clearly take pride in our beautiful community and are genuinely dedicated to keeping it clean. We hope you will feel comfortable moving forward with our new contractors, River Birch Renewable Energy, as we all strive to maintain and further improve upon these efforts.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact City Hall at 504-363-1500.

Sincerely,

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