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# ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

Environmental Services protects the community's environment through the provision of weekly residential and commercial garbage collection, disposal services, recycling services for schools and commercial entities, recycling opportunities for residents through the six Citizen Collections Stations (CCS), collection of Household Hazardous Waste at the CCS and education and outreach programs.

The Department also promotes and enhances a clean and healthy environment through the enforcement of environmental, licensing and zoning laws, the eradication of illegal dumping, the containment and cleaning of spills, the cleaning of alleys and helping neighborhood associations in their cleanup efforts.

## CORE SERVICES:

- Collection and Disposal of all Residential Solid Waste generated within the City. A total of 398,000 tons of trash was properly landfilled in 2005
- Operation of six Citizen Collection Stations where El Pasoans dispose of yard waste, bulky items and recyclables free of charge
- Operation of a free Household Hazardous Waste Disposal Program at the six Citizen Collection Stations
- Contribution to the Quality of Life and preservation of neighborhoods by operating an effective Code Compliance Program
- Protection and enhancement of the well being of the community and the protection of the environment through the enforcement of Environmental Laws
- Beautification of the City through a program of removal of illegal dumping sites on public properties and the clean up of alleys

## ACHIEVEMENTS FY05

Environmental Services is the newest City department created to protect the environment and address the environmental and solid waste challenges facing the City.

- Created the Environmental Services Department through the consolidation of Solid Waste Management, Code Compliance and Environmental Management
- Completed a pilot study for curbside recycling and issued a request for bids for a citywide curbside recycling program
- Opened 20 acres of new landfill cells at the Clint Landfill and closed the McCombs Landfill and the Delta Transfer Station to serve the solid waste needs of the community efficiently
- Installed weight scales at the Clint Landfill to better monitor the volume of trash
- Started an Alley Cleaning Program and continued to remove illegal dumping from public property
- Assisted Neighborhood Beautification Projects by providing Neighborhood Associations containers and disposing of the collected waste
- Continued funding the Graffiti Eradication Program and financially supported the educational programs of Keep El Paso Beautiful
- Made free collection of Household Hazardous Waste (paints, cleaning fluids, etc.) at the six Citizen Collection Stations more convenient by changing the schedule from once a month to five days a week
- Partnered with Fort Bliss and the Downtown Management District on environmentally beneficial projects

