

07/03/2015: Pikitup launches a free bulky service

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The Waste Management Company of the City of Johannesburg, Pikitup today announced that in an effort to deal with the illegal dumping across the city, it will be rolling out a free once a month bulky waste service (i.e. old mattresses, old furniture and fridges etc.) with effect from the 8th March 2015.

The aim of this initiative is to divert recyclables away from the landfill sites (except for waste suitable for, and as required for use as daily cover material), thus increasing airspace and increasing the lifespan of existing landfills.

Residents who want to dispose bulky waste from their households are urged to contact their nearest Pikitup depots or use the nearest garden sites in their proximity. Once a resident has logged a call at any of the Pikitup's depot, the responsible Depot Manager will book a call and arrange for a free once a month bulky waste service to collect such waste.

To book a free bulky waste service, residents can contact the following depots:

DEPOTS RECEPTION SWITCHBOARD NUMBER

Avalon Depot 087 357 1288
Central Camp Depot 087 357 1609
Norwood Depot 087 357 1400
Marlboro Depot 087 357 1545
Midrand Depot 087 357 1378
Randburg Depot 087 357 1327
Roodepoort Depot 087 357 1549
Selby Depot 087 357 1938
South dale Depot 087 357 1261
Waterval Depot 087 357 1490
Zondi Depot 087 357 1340

We urge all residents of the City to become active participants in preserving and protecting the environment by applying the basic principles of waste management: Reduce, Reuse and Recycle when disposing waste.

The City of Johannesburg is your HOME! Don't trash it, Don't dump illegally. Recycle, Re-use and Reduce.

Read more: http://www.joburg.org.za/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=9547:07032015-pikitup-launches-a-free-bulky-service&catid=217:press-releases-2013&Itemid=114#ixzz3pHNSiEmX

Pikitup strike is over



Refuse collectors have ended their three-week long strike, and operations are expected to back to normal soon.

THE three-week strike by Pikitup refuse collectors that left many parts of the city in a chaotic state, has ended.

According to the City's spokesperson, Gabu Tugwana, "proposals were signed and sealed this morning at 2.45am after 17 hours of negotiations".

Pikitup workers went on strike on 7 April after a go-slow, demanding an investigation into allegations of corruption, nepotism and irregular tenders.

The City made an application at the Labour Court to have the strike declared illegal but was unsuccessful.

Pikitup's managing director, Zami Nkosi; the chairperson, Phumula Radebe; and other board members resigned during the strike.

"We are confident that our residents and businesses will already see a significant improvement by Monday [25 April] – and that they will experience normal services soon afterwards," says Lawrence Boya, acting Managing Director of Pikitup.

"We want to thank the people of Johannesburg for their patience during the strike and give the assurance that we are working around the clock to clear the backlog," he says.

Pikitup workers will be working through the long Easter weekend to clear the backlog. Workers will concentrate on clearing

areas where illegal dumping took place, according to Pikitup communications manager Pansy Oyedele.

"We encourage residents whose refuse is collected on a Friday and Monday to take their bins out as early as 7am," says Oyedele.

"If these bins have still not been emptied by 5pm, residents should not take them back into the yards. The teams will work additional hours to clear the bins and pick up extra bags on the sides of the bins," she says.

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Pikitup's food for waste programme to break cycle of poverty



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As the World prepares to celebrate World Food Day on Friday October 16, Pikitup is also making a contribution to food security through its Food for Waste Programme to ensure that more vulnerable people benefit. Food insecurity is a major concern in many parts of the developing world, and Johannesburg is not immune to it.

Pikitup's Food for Waste Programme was established in 2012-2013 in response to Executive Mayor Cllr Parks Tau's call to arrest the glaring food insecurity scourge in the city to ensure that "no one goes to bed hungry". More than 300 poor and vulnerable people in the City's Region G – one of the poorest in Johannesburg – are currently benefiting from it.

The programme has over the past two years been implemented at 10 sites in the region – five in informal settlements around Lenasia and five in Orange Farm. The beneficiaries were identified through the Department of Health and Social Development's Expanded Social Package register. They were divided into groups and allocated an illegal dumping spot to convert into a productive food garden, which they are also maintaining. Every week group members are rewarded with a food parcel worth about R80.

In addition, Pikitup provides them with protective clothing as well as working tools such as water tanks, a weekly supply of water, seedlings, spades and rakes. All this support was provided for a year, after which the group is expected to form a cooperative so they could benefit from other opportunities – and give others a

chance to go through the programme.

Speaking on the eve of the World Food Day, Pikitup's Executive Director: Waste Minimisation Strategy and Programmes, Musa Jack, said the Food for Waste Programme has revolutionised the way waste had contributed to promoting job security and poverty alleviation.

"One of the main objectives of this programme is the contribution to poverty alleviation and to ensure that the poorest of the poor have food on the table while also ensuring cleanliness of their environment. The programme is aimed at assisting communities to care for their environment, while at the same time creating job opportunities, fighting hunger and poverty and promoting recycling, waste reduction and reuse," she said.

Pikitup is currently in the process of reviewing the programme to ensure that it improves on it from the lessons learnt so far in an effort to expand it to more vulnerable communities.

According to Jack, the programme will now be aligned to the Mayor's Jozi@Work vision to ensure that projects are implemented using cooperatives. These projects include the collection of recyclable waste, transport of waste to sorting and buy-back facilities, operation of these facilities, as well as education and awareness programmes. "The implication of this is that Pikitup will require new contract management, facilitation, and monitoring and evaluation skills. The fleet composition will change over time as the new approach is implemented and requirements change," she said.

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