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MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor and City Council Members

Cc: Gregg Mandsager, City Administrator

From: Laura Liegois, Solid Waste Manager

Date: February 29, 2016

Re: Request for Setting the Week of Spring Clean Up for April 25- 29, 2016

Recycling Center
Transfer Station
Landfill Operations
Refuse Collection

Introduction:

The Public Works Department request that the Muscatine City Council set spring clean up week for April 25-29, 2016. Spring Clean Up is a tradition in our community and is part of our spring activities. In conjunction with Earth Day and Keep Muscatine Beautiful, Spring Clean Up Week is another event that helps in the overall beautification of our community.

Background:

Spring clean up week is a major event for the Solid Waste Division of the Public Works Department. As in the past, the Roadway Maintenance Division will be a valuable part of this week, with their equipment and crews for larger items. There will be extra people assisting the solid waste crew, to ensure adequate staffing to handle the waste placed out at the curb during this week.

Recommendation for Items Picked Up from Residents:

The following items will be accepted for this year's spring clean up:

- Large items: furniture, building materials in small amounts, dismantled swing sets, and other misc. items.
- Up to eight (8) tires car and light truck tires (No tires from businesses)
- Up to four (4) appliances (Please remove doors on refrigerators and freezers)
- Electronic waste items (Computers, televisions, and any item that contains a circuit board).

Yard Waste: will be picked up in City of Muscatine yard waste bags only and brush needs to be in bundles no larger than 18 inches in diameter and 4ft. in length.

The following items will not be picked up at Spring Clean Up week:

- Torn down buildings, such as garages
- Car Bodies
- Large Trees
- Excessive amounts of concrete and building materials
- Paint and other hazardous chemicals (Accepted at the Transfer Station at no cost)
- Motor Oil (Accepted at the Transfer Station at no cost)
- Camper refrigerators & Air Conditioners (Accepted at Transfer Station for Fee)

Public Relations and Marketing of Event:

Public relations and marketing are important to make the clean up week a success with our residents. Local media such as the newspaper, radio, local access channel, information alerts, The City of Muscatine's website, e-newsletter, and social media, will be utilized to educate our residents on this event prior to the week of Spring Clean Up.