

SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT

# Brush & Bulky Program Enhancements



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# Agenda

- **10-Year Recycling and Resource Recovery Plan**
- **Service Enhancements**
- **Important Dates**
- **Communication Plan**



# Brush Enhancement: Objectives

**10-Year Plan Primary Goal:  
Increase Recycling Rate**

**60%**  
by 2020

## Secondary Goals

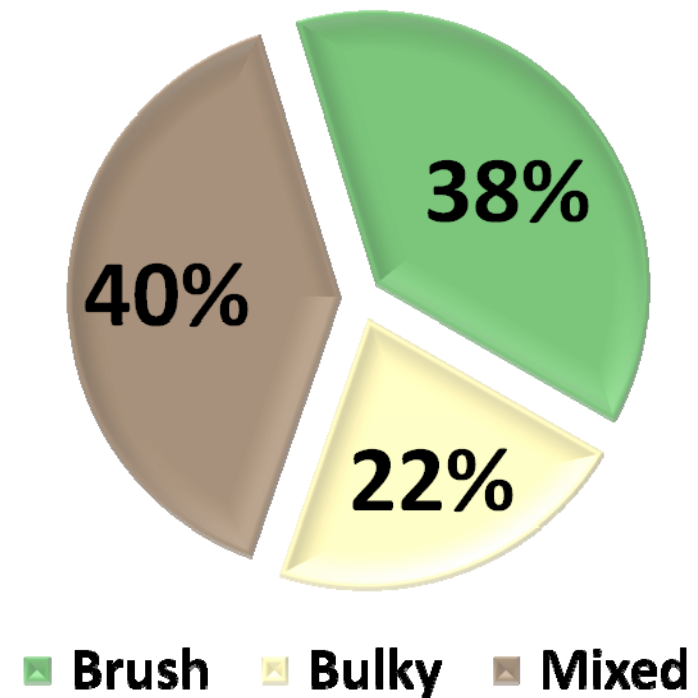
- Improve Neighborhood Appearance
- Improve Collection Efficiencies



# Brush Enhancement: Why

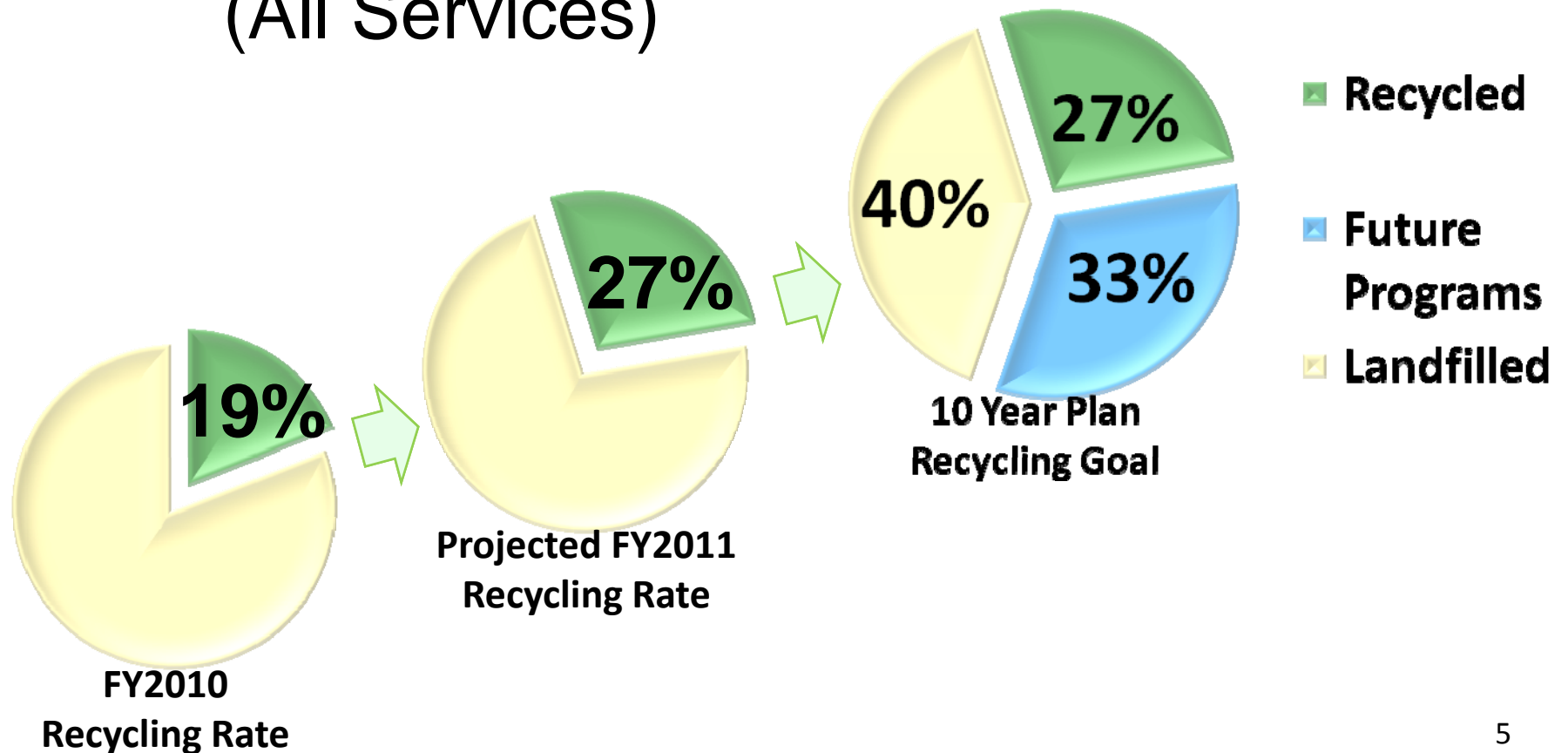


**Current Pile Composition**



# Recycling Rate: Citywide

## Citywide Recycling Rate (All Services)





# Impact of Program Enhancement

- **Environmental**
  - Conserve landfill space
  - Reduce landfill gas
  - Reuse natural resources
- **Economic**
  - Reduce tipping fees by 20%
  - Increasing lifespan of landfill



# Program Enhancements

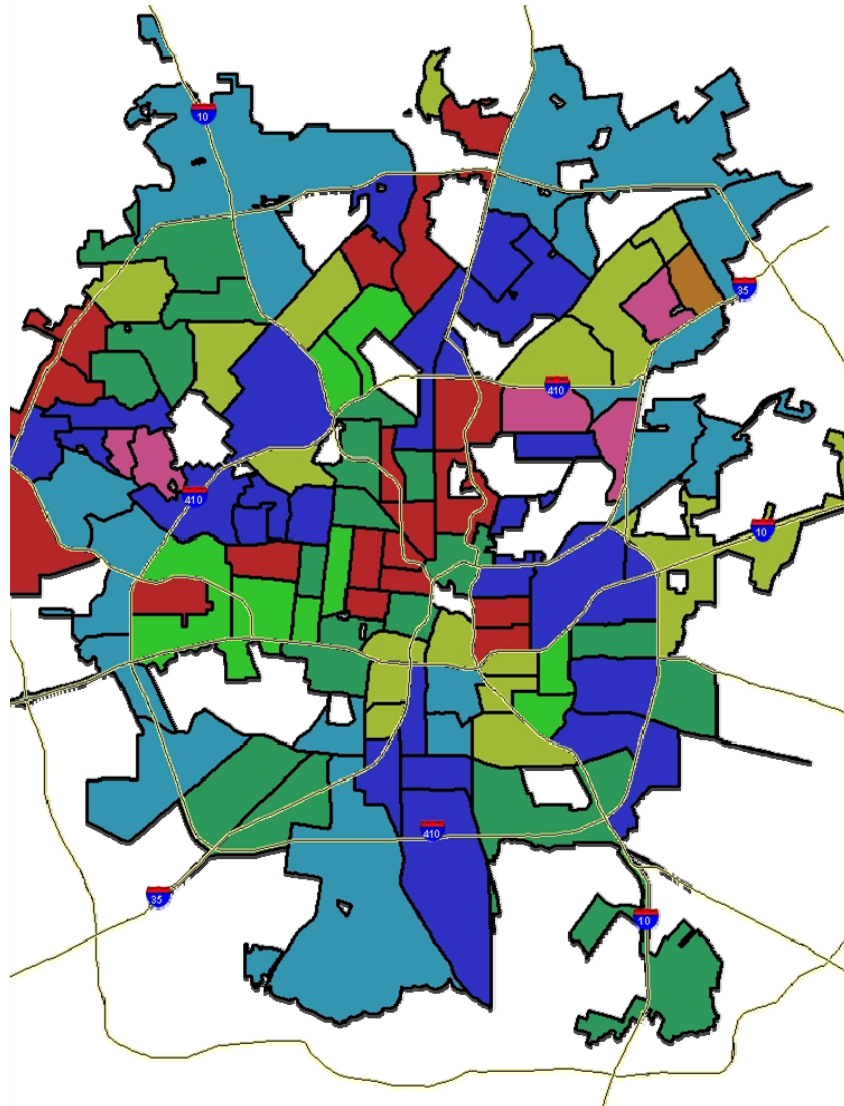
- 3 Separate Collections
  - 2 Brush
  - 1 Bulky
- Contiguous Schedules and Areas
  - Brush 6 months apart
  - Bulky same time each year

# Current 107 Routes

Brush and Bulky Mixed

## Current Schedule

- Twice a Year Collection
- 107 Routes
- Ends Jan 28

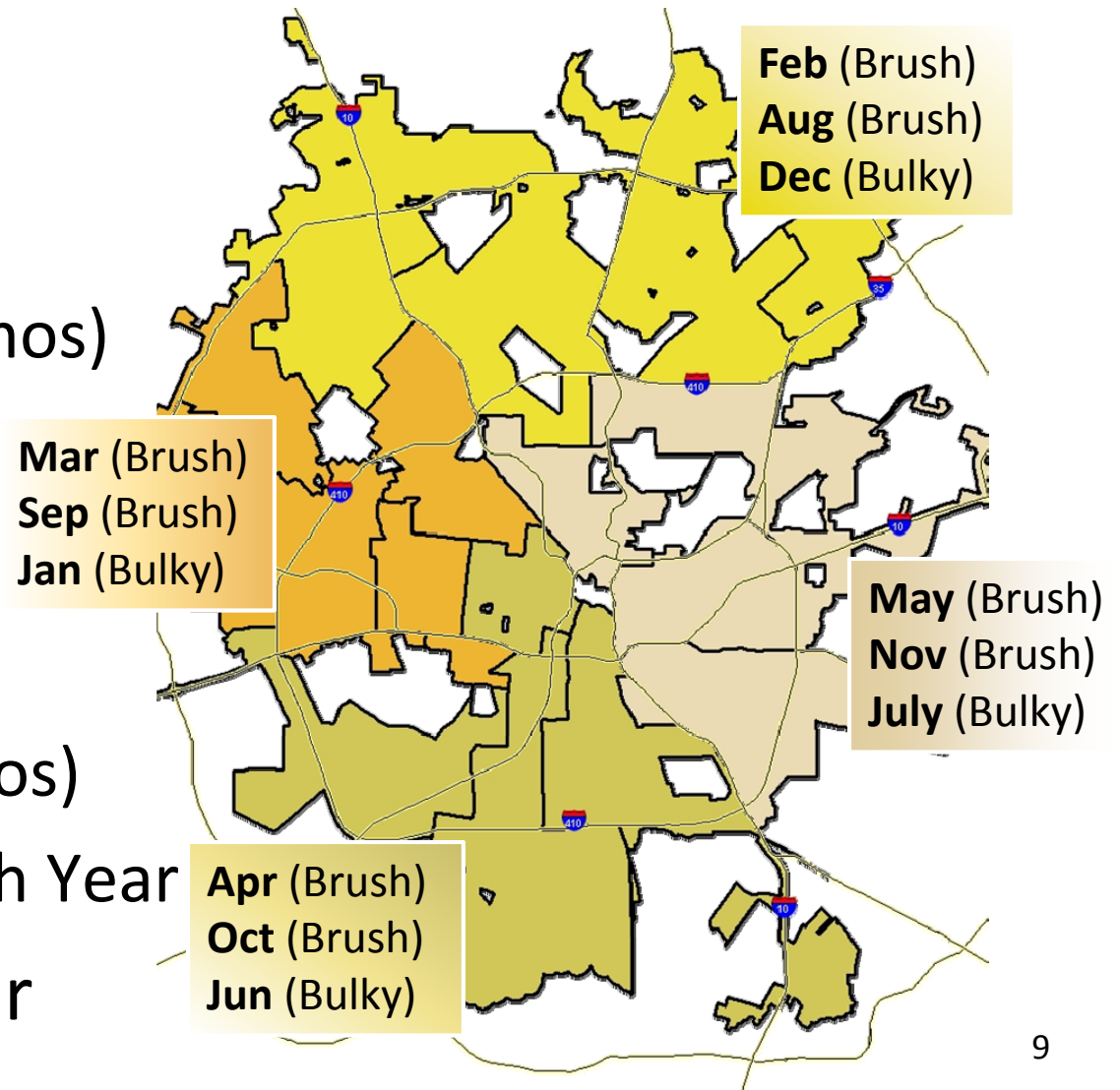




# Cycles: City Wide

Collection by Month





- **Brush**
  - 8 CY Limit
  - 2 Collections (4 mos)
  - 6 Months Apart
- **Bulky**
  - 8 CY Limit
  - 1 Collection (2 mos)
  - Same Month Each Year
- Wait for your flyer

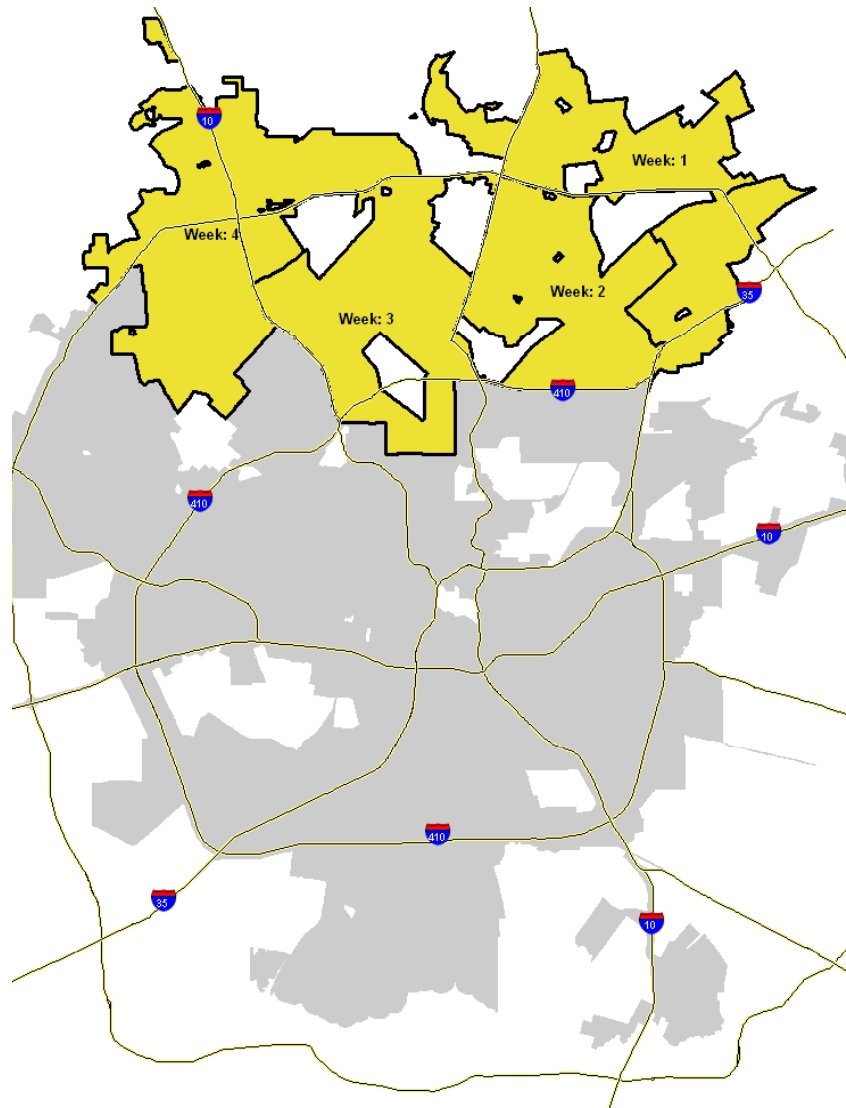


# Month 1: North Side

Weekly Areas 1 - 4

## Routes





-  Month 1: North
-  Month 2: West
-  Month 3: South
-  Month 4: East

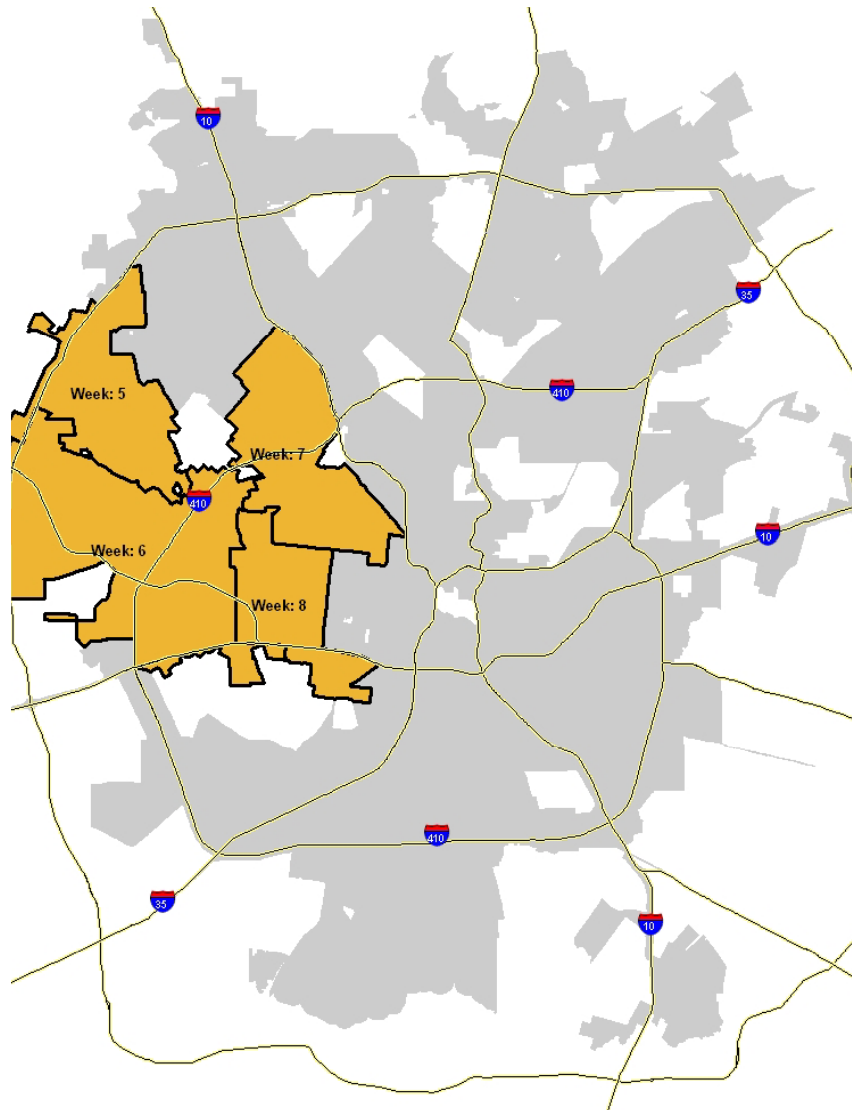


# Month 2: West Side

Weekly Areas 5 - 8

## Routes





-  Month 1: North
-  Month 2: West
-  Month 3: South
-  Month 4: East

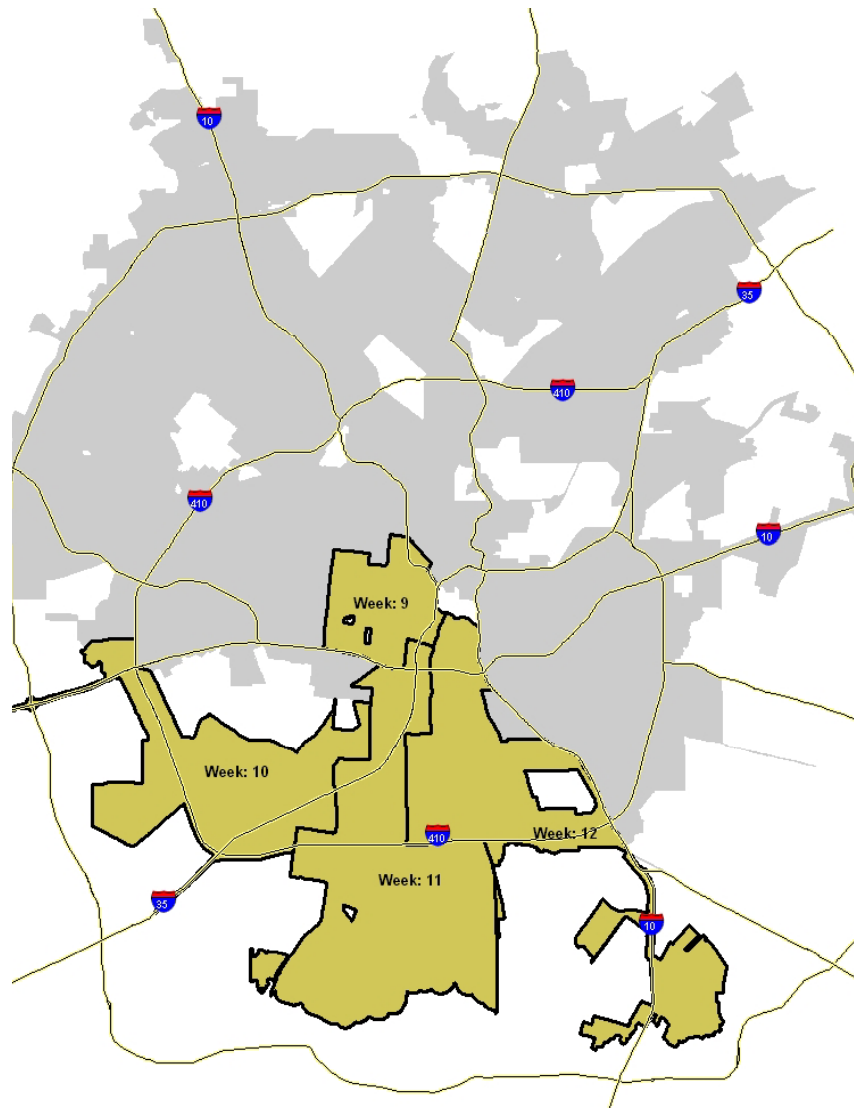


# Month 3: South Side

Weekly Areas 9 - 12

## Routes





-  Month 1: North
-  Month 2: West
-  Month 3: South
-  Month 4: East

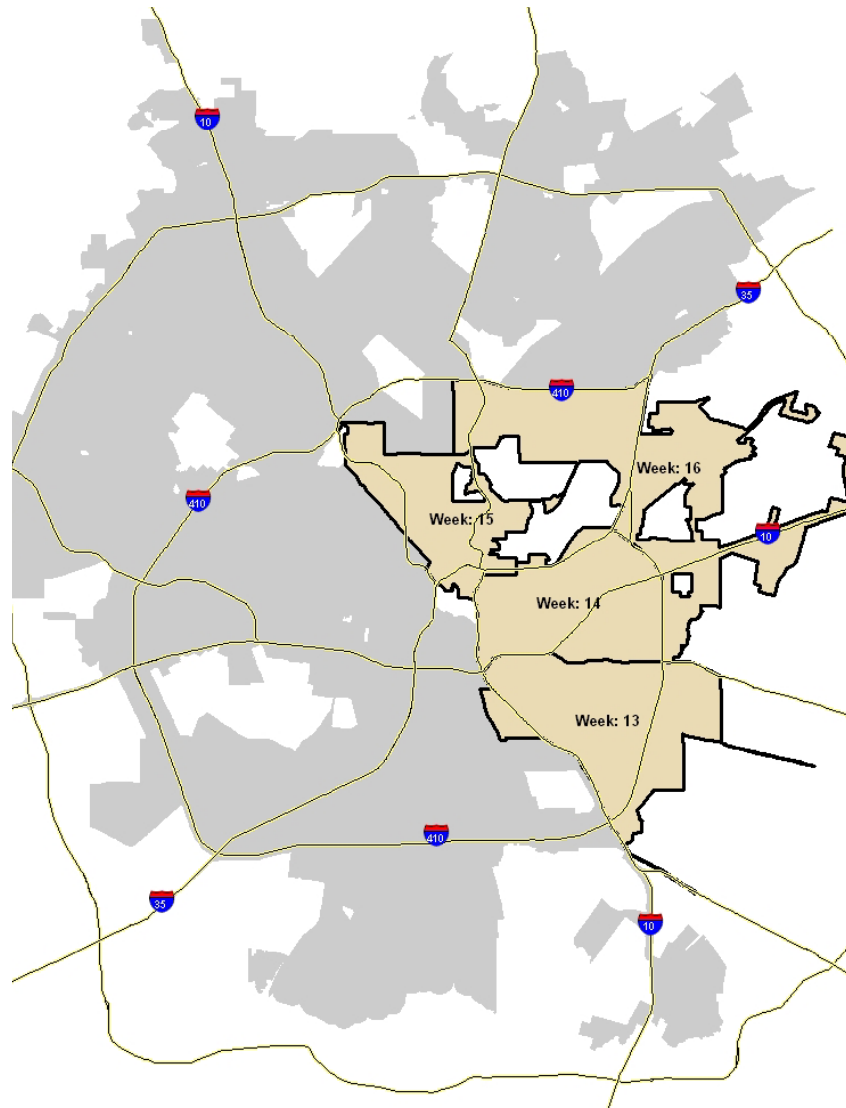


# Month 4: East Side

Weekly Areas 13 - 16

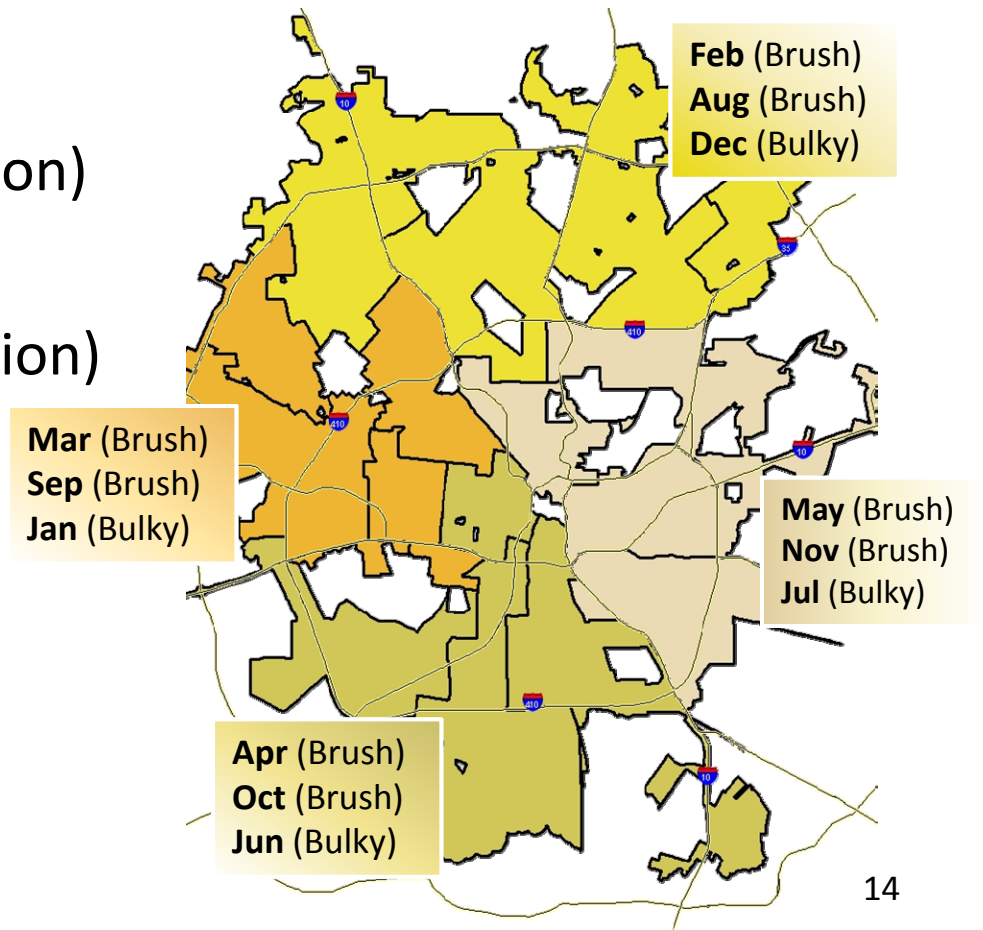
## Routes

-  Month 1: North
-  Month 2: West
-  Month 3: South
-  Month 4: East



# Time Line

- Enhanced Program Begins Jan 31, 2011
- New Schedule:
  - 4 Months Brush (1<sup>st</sup> Collection)
  - 2 Months Bulky (half City)
  - 4 Months Brush (2<sup>nd</sup> Collection)
  - 2 Months Bulky (half City)





# Brush Piles

## Accepted

- Tree branches
- Woody vines
- Shrubs
- Other herbaceous and woody plants
- Less than six (6) feet in length
- 8 CY Limit (6' x 6' x 6')

## Not Accepted

- Posts
- Boards
- Lumber or their fragments
- Root balls (soil)
- Leaves and grass clippings



**MUST BE YOUR OWN MATERIAL IN PILE**

# Bulky Piles

## Accepted

- Irregularly sized items that do not readily fit into refuse containers
- Large appliances
- Toilets and furniture
- Small and Medium-Sized Appliances
- 8 CY Limit (same as eight washers & dryers)

## Not Accepted

- Hazardous Waste
- Construction and Demolition
- Vehicle Parts, Commercial Tires
- Brush
- Electronics
- Glass which may break during collection

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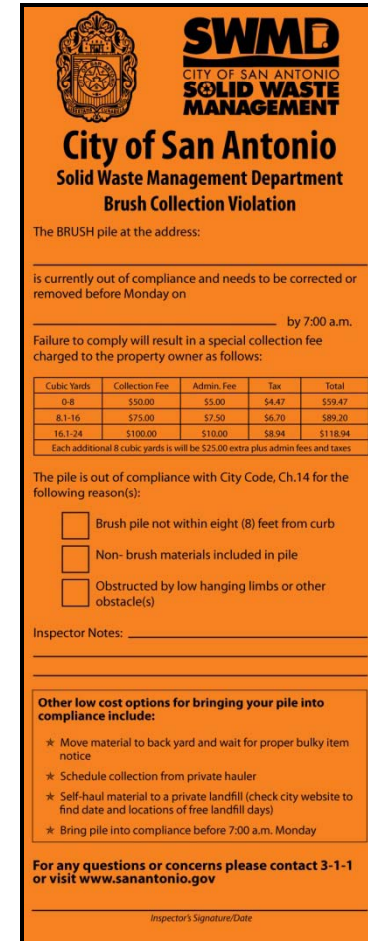
# Communications

- 20 Community Meetings
- Mailings
- Homeowner & Neighborhood Assoc.
  - Newsletters
  - Neighborhood Meetings
- Council Offices
  - Newsletters
  - Meet with Council Members
- Media Blitz
  - Press Conference
  - Press Release
  - Newspaper and Radio Ads
- New Door Flyers



# Communication

- Route Inspectors
  - **Team One: Week Before Collection**
    - Pre-Collection Scouting and Outreach
    - Informational Tags
  - **Team Two: Week of Collection**
    - Mixed Pile Identified & Marked
    - Resident Must Remove Mixed Pile From Curb (7am Monday Morning)



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CITY OF SAN ANTONIO  
**SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT**

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Solid Waste Management Department  
Brush Collection Violation

The BRUSH pile at the address: \_\_\_\_\_

is currently out of compliance and needs to be corrected or removed before Monday on \_\_\_\_\_ by 7:00 a.m.

Failure to comply will result in a special collection fee charged to the property owner as follows:

Cubic Yards	Collection Fee	Admin. Fee	Tax	Total
0-8	\$50.00	\$5.00	\$4.47	\$59.47
8.1-16	\$75.00	\$7.50	\$6.70	\$89.20
16.1-24	\$100.00	\$10.00	\$8.94	\$118.94

Each additional 8 cubic yards is will be \$25.00 extra plus admin fees and taxes

The pile is out of compliance with City Code, Ch.14 for the following reason(s):

☐ Brush pile not within eight (8) feet from curb

☐ Non- brush materials included in pile

☐ Obstructed by low hanging limbs or other obstacle(s)

Inspector Notes: \_\_\_\_\_

**Other low cost options for bringing your pile into compliance include:**

- \* Move material to back yard and wait for proper bulky item notice
- \* Schedule collection from private hauler
- \* Self-haul material to a private landfill (check city website to find date and locations of free landfill days)
- \* Bring pile into compliance before 7:00 a.m. Monday

**For any questions or concerns please contact 3-1-1 or visit [www.sanantonio.gov](http://www.sanantonio.gov)**

Inspector's Signature/Date \_\_\_\_\_

# Compliance Is Key To Success

**Unacceptable Mixed Pile**



**Acceptable Brush Pile**



# Summary

- 3 Separate Collections
  - 2 Brush
  - 1 Bulky
- Contiguous Schedules and Areas
  - Brush 6 months apart
  - Bulky same time each year
- Starting January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2011



# City Website

**Stay informed!** Presentations from previous meetings as well as next meeting details can be found on the Solid Waste Management Website at the following locations:

SWMD Site: [www.sanantonio.gov/swmd/](http://www.sanantonio.gov/swmd/)

Brush/Bulky Info: <http://www.sanantonio.gov/brush/>

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