

## What you need to know about the new garbage, trash and recycling changes in Biloxi and D'Iberville



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October 1 is only a month and half away, and the Harrison County Utility Authority is making sure the transition of new providers for garbage, trash and recycling services goes without a hitch.

HCUA contracted with two businesses earlier this month, which will replace the current WastePro contract that expires September 30.

Houma, Louisiana-based waste disposal company, Pelican Waste & Debris, who was recently awarded the rubbish and debris contract, opened their new office at 9251 West Oaklawn Drive in Biloxi, about two weeks ago.

Residents or businesses with questions on Pelican's new services should call (228) 232-0850.

As far as trash, Team Waste, who has an office in Biloxi, is providing each residence with two (2) new carts - one for garbage and one for recycling. The garbage cart will replace and match the current 96-gallon carts while the recycling cart increases from a handheld bin to a cart that can hold up to 35 gallons of material. Both carts will have lids and wheels.

### Exchange & Delivery

On Friday last week, HCUA released the following cart exchange and delivery schedule, which started in Woolmarket and North Biloxi on Sunday and ends Friday, August 18.

HCUA asks that you DO NOT use your new cart until your Waste Pro cart has been removed. The contractor must provide service through October 1, 2017.

Residents in the City of D'Iberville began getting their new carts Thursday, August 17. The delivery schedule for

### CART STAGING & DELIVERY SCHEDULE

**Woolmarket:** Aug. 13-18  
**North Biloxi:** Aug. 13-18  
**D'Iberville:** Aug. 17 - Sept. 1  
**East Biloxi:** Aug. 18 - Sept. 12  
**West Biloxi:** Aug. 22 - Sept. 19  
**Saucier Area:** Sept. 5-30

(Source: Harrison County Utility Authority)

D'Iberville ends Friday, September 1.

Over in East Biloxi, cart delivery will begin on Friday, August 18 and continue for almost a month due to the infrastructure repairs underway. Deliveries will be made through Tuesday, Sept. 12.

Residents in West Biloxi will have to wait until Tuesday, August 22 before their carts start arriving. Because of the amount of stops, the deliveries will continue until Tuesday, Sept. 19.

And, in Saucier, residents can expect to have their carts delivered starting Tuesday, Sept. 19 through Friday, Sept. 30.

Important sheets include answers to common questions as well as a route map. Pickup schedules will be delivered with the carts.

### Computer chipped carts

All carts will include computer chips specifically associated with the address where they are assigned. The new chips help HCUA to verify the performance of the contractor to ensure pick-ups are performed.

Because of the new HCUA and Team Waste measure participation in recycling, which will assist with improvements and growth that program. Participation may also provide useful information that can be used to prove HCUA's public outreach and education efforts.

And, the chips will also provide accountability.

"This will enable us to certify carts that are relocated to another address from where

originally assigned," said HCUA's Executive Director Donald Barr.

### What's the cost?

HCUA does not bill residents directly. They only manage the service and bill the cities and county. Fees to member agencies are based on the number of customers in each city/county using a household count done on an annual basis.

With the new contract, HCUA's estimated cost to cities and county is \$14 per month per home for a standard cart. Additional charges for dumpster services to the city/county, if/when requested, are included in this rate.

Residents in Biloxi and D'Iberville will receive their bills from their respective city. Contact your city hall with regards to any possible changes to your current bill.

Residents in unincorporated Harrison County will continue to have their garbage/recycle/trash bill included as part of their annual county taxes. Contact the

For those needing an extra cart, Team Waste will charge for each cart ordered at \$2.44 per month per additional cart. The total cost per year for an extra cart is \$29.28, which must be paid in advance to Team Waste. Instead of the city or county, Team Waste will bill annually for the extra cart(s).

To add your name to the additional cart list, call Team Waste at (228) 701-9086.

### When are the pick-ups?

Most residents want to know when pick ups of trash will occur, so an address search for residents to confirm their sched-

Authority's website.

According to the release received by The Biloxi-D'Iberville Press, pickups will occur on the service day listed on the HCUA route map - with garbage, trash/debris, and recycling all picked up the same day.

D'Iberville residents north of I-10 and all of Woolmarket (north/south of I-10) will have pick ups on Thursday. All other Biloxi and D'Iberville residents south of I-10 will have pick ups on Friday.



**COMMUNITY MEETINGS**  
**6:00-7:00 p.m.**  
**Monday, Aug. 28**  
Woolmarket Community Center  
16320 Old Woolmarket Rd.  
**Thursday, Aug. 31**  
D'Iberville Civic Center  
10395 Automall Parkway  
**Tuesday, Sept. 5**  
Gruich Community Center  
591 Howard Ave.  
**Thursday, Sept. 21**  
Donal Synder Community Center  
2520 Pass Rd.

## Watch Monday's Eclipse With Approved Glasses

### SPECIAL TO THE PRESS

Be prepared for the total eclipse, which will block about 75 percent of the sun on the Mississippi Gulf Coast on Monday, Aug. 21.

The eclipse will last about three hours, from noon to 3 p.m., and will peak for about two or three minutes at about 1:30 p.m., according to TimeAndDate.com, which provides eclipse details for every U.S. city.

If you are unable to buy safe eclipse viewing glasses, Eye Associates of the South will hand out free, ISO-approved eclipsed glasses on Friday at all three of its clinics in Biloxi, Ocean Springs and Gulfport.

"There is a very real risk for retinal damage, even permanent vision loss, if you watch the eclipse without proper eye protection," said ophthalmologist Rainna Bahadur, M.D. "In seconds, the solar radiation will start damaging your eyes."

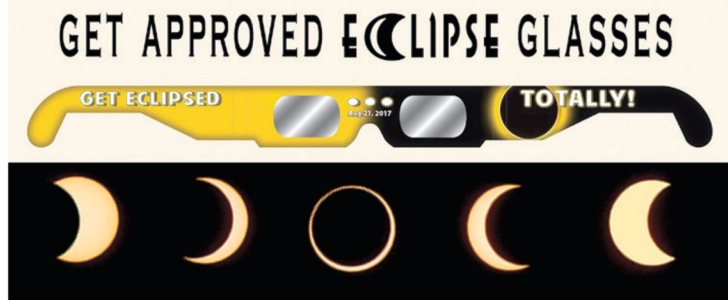
U.S. companies that make ISO-approved eclipse glasses verified safe by NASA

and the American Astronomical Society are American Paper Optics (APO), Thousand Oaks Optical and Rainbow Symphony.

Eye Associates of the South purchased the paper eclipse glasses directly from the largest producer, American Paper Optics. While they last, 300 free pairs will be passed out at the practice's three clinics during specific hours on Friday, Aug. 18.

Glasses will be handed out first come, first serve to the public. No eye appointment is necessary.

Unsafe brands and some counterfeit glasses are being made. Some even falsify approved brands' logos, a spokesman for APO said. So, if



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**These are the American Paper Optics ISO-approved eclipse glasses that Eye Associates of the South will give away free on Friday, Aug. 18, at its three Mississippi Gulf Coast clinics.**

you buy glasses, do so directly from approved sources. Some companies, including APO, have online stores.

Even with approved glasses, never watch eclipses with binoculars, telescopes, mirrors, cameras, or using zoom focus, Bahadur said. They can intensify the sun's rays.

The only time it's ever safe to watch with the naked eye is during a total eclipse is when the sun is 100 percent behind the moon, which will not happen for viewers in Mississippi. The closest location from Mississippi to see the total eclipse will be in central Tennessee, according to NASA eclipse maps.

Sunglasses and even welding glasses will not protect your

civic meetings over the next four to six weeks. And, samples of the actual garbage and recycling carts will be placed at each City Hall and the Harrison County Courthouse for review.

However, HCUA, Team Waste and Pelican Waste & Debris officials will also answer questions during several upcoming community meetings. The first one will be held in Woolmarket on Monday, August 28.

For more on the garbage, trash and recycling transition,

call 666-8752.

eyes during an eclipse, Bahadur added.

"The sun is neither brighter nor more damaging than normal to your eyes during an eclipse. But it won't feel as bright, so people tend to look at the sun longer than," explained ophthalmologist Debra LaPrad,

M.D., who is a partner of Eye Associates of the South with Bahadur and Joel Knight, M.D. "The difference is that, because much of the sun is shielded by an eclipse, you will not feel the pain of staring at the sun that your eyes normally instantly feel. So you don't instantly look away, before retinal damage occurs."

Parents are encouraged to talk to their children in advance about not looking at the sun during an eclipse, if they will not be monitoring them Monday, LaPrad added.

For directions to Eye Associates of the South's clinics, visit their website at www.2020view.com. For an eye appointment, call (228) 396-5185.

