

# NEWS RELEASE

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## **STORMWATER-DAMAGED ITEM COLLECTION SCHEDULED**

DUBUQUE, Iowa -- The City of Dubuque Solid Waste Collection program will provide its customers with disposal of stormwater-damaged items on the customers' regular collection day next week at no charge.

This special cleanup is scheduled to start Monday, July 26, and end Friday, July 30. City crews will collect properly contained, stormwater-damaged items that comply with City setout requirements. There will be no large item collection charge for these items. Collection of stormwater-damaged appliances and large items that weigh more than what one person can safely lift into a truck must be scheduled by calling 589-4250 next week between 7 a.m. and 4 p.m. This requirement is so that the Public Works Department can schedule additional trucks and equipment to supplement its one-person refuse collection routes.

Stormwater-damaged items need to be bundled or contained in cans, plastic bags, or small tubs for safe loading into packer trucks. A 40-pound maximum weight limit applies to refuse containers, bags and tied carpet bundles. Carpet bundles should be no larger than four feet long by 18 inches in diameter. Water-logged containers, soggy or rotted cardboard boxes, and loose piles of commingled and uncontained materials are not acceptable and will be left uncollected.

Acceptable stormwater-damaged items include:

- **Refuse and Rubbish items** (carpets, furniture, mattresses, furnishings, spoiled food, etc...), and,
- **Appliances** (freezers, refrigerators, stoves, water heaters, microwaves, washers, dryers, etc...), which will be collected separately and recycled. They require appointments (589-4250).

Building materials such as wood, drywall, plaster, paneling, concrete, rock and gravel are not acceptable for collection. Household hazardous materials, such as paint and chemicals, cannot be collected. They may be disposed (usually at no charge) through the DMASWA's Regional Collection Center. Those appointments must be scheduled by calling 589-1720 weekdays between 7 a.m. and 4 p.m.

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