

Dear Waste Management Customer,

Recently, Waste Management of Kansas, Inc. sought and received a temporary suspension of the yard waste disposal ban at Johnson County landfill, from Johnson County Environmental Health Department. The request allowed our collection vehicles to co-mingle trash and yard waste in a few selected communities. This request was made by Waste Management as a result of the COVID pandemic and the direct impact to our labor resources. The plan allowed for reallocating labor resources to our core services of trash and recycling collection, and to help ensure these services are not delayed or interrupted. This suspension was granted by Johnson County on July 20, 2020 and is scheduled to end Saturday, September 5, 2020.

Unfortunately, the negative impact of the COVID-19 virus continues to grow within the community and our workforce. Beginning, Monday, August 10, 2020 we will temporarily suspend all yard waste collection until September 5, 2020. We are taking this action to ensure there are no interruptions to residents trash and recycling services. **Normal separate yard waste collection is expected to resume the week of September 7, 2020.** We will continue to monitor developments and the impact of the pandemic and communicate any adjustments to this plan in advance. This change only impacts the collection of yard waste.

Important Information About Yard Waste Collection





During this time, we strongly encourage residents to consider the many benefits of mulching. Composting information is available at: <https://www.jocogov.org/dept/health-and-environment/environment/recycling/yard-waste-and-composting>

We realize these are extraordinary steps but due to the pandemic, these are extraordinary times. Our priority is the continued timely collection of trash and recycle material. At the conclusion of the yard waste suspension, your next received invoice will reflect the appropriate credit for yard waste collection services that were not provided.

We appreciate your understanding during this difficult time.