

City Council Agenda Item Memo

From: John R. Thompson, Public Works Director

Council Meeting: May 7, 2024

Subject: 2024 Spring Bulky Item Pickup

Person(s) Responsible: John R. Thompson, Public Works Director

Summary:

City crews successfully executed the 2024 Spring Bulky Item Pickup in April. The overall tonnage collected and disposed of was down by 13% (112,740 pounds) versus 2023's event.

Background:

Every year in April, the City offers its' subscribers of solid waste services a curbside bulky item pickup program as part of the City's solid waste collection service. Residents are allowed to place bulky items, that do not fit in their waste carts, on the boulevard adjacent to their home. City crews, made up of staff from Public Works – Street Division and Solid Waste Division, along with staff from Parks, Recreation and Forestry, join together and canvas the City collecting the placed items.

Item Details:

In 2024, the City's Spring Bulky Item Pickup started on Monday, April 15th. The curbside collection was completed by Friday, April 19th. Free dumping for City of Brookings residents continued through Friday, April 26th. In total 756,360 lbs. were collected, which is approximately 13% (112,740 lbs.) less than 2023. This reduction is broken down in several categories. Residential drop-off at the landfill was down 52% (108,600 lbs.); Curbside items were down 7% (37,440 lbs.); Curbside trees were up 121% (35,620 lbs.); and Mobile Home roll-offs were down by 2% (2,320 lbs.) from 2023 numbers.

Legal Consideration:

None.

Strategic Plan Consideration:

Safe, Inclusive and Connected – The Spring Bulky Item Pickup program provides city residents an opportunity to remove clutter from in and around their property, which promotes clean neighborhoods and reduces the opportunities for vectors such as mice, rats and snakes to thrive in the urban area.

Service and Innovation Excellence – The Spring Bulky Item Pickup program is an innovative service that is not offered in all jurisdictions and which helps to promote a high quality of life for our residents.

Financial Consideration:

The estimated cost for the 2024 Spring Bulky Item Pickup is \$153,000. This estimate includes labor, equipment, tipping fees, and rental roll-offs. Sufficient appropriations exist in the adopted 2024 Fiscal Year budget.

Options and Recommendation:

This is an informational item and does not require action from City Council.

Supporting Documentation:

Presentation