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NEWS RELEASE

No recycling pickups Friday, Jan. 14 because of staff shortages

Durango, CO: The surge in local COVID-19 cases is causing staffing shortages in some City of Durango departments. Due to a shortage of staff in the trash/recycling department, both commercial and residential recycling will not be picked up on Friday, Jan. 14.

Trash service will not be affected.

The next recycling pickup for those that will be skipped this Friday, will be Saturday, Jan. 22. As a reminder, trash and recycling will not run Monday Jan. 17, because of the Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday. Trash and recycling collection will occur Tuesday through Saturday, one day later than residents' usual pick up day. Please visit DurangoGov.org/Trash for more information.

Please visit DurangoGov.org/Trash to view a trash and recycling pickup calendar and to sign up for notifications.

"We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause and ask for everyone's patience as we get through this unprecedented COVID-19 surge," said Allison Baker, director of Public Works.

"We had to get creative with our scheduling and figured skipping Friday's recycling service would have less of an impact than skipping a trash pickup."

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State and local COVID-19 cases have risen dramatically this week, San Juan Basin Public Health is currently reporting more positive cases and transmission of COVID-19 than at any time during the nearly two-year pandemic.

Adjustments have been made to other city services as a result of staff shortages and to protect the health of city employees and community members:

- Durango Transit has suspended Sunday service until further notice.
- The Durango Police Department has reduced the record/lobby hours from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Property releases must be by appointment only, and patrol officers may handle minor calls over the phone. See our [press release](#) for more information.
- Durango City Council will move to all-virtual meetings starting on Jan. 18. Find meeting information at DurangoGov.org/Meetings. Virtual meeting links are available at DurangoGov.org/Zoom.

San Juan Basin Public Health is urging everyone be cautious during this surge. Information about isolation and quarantine guidance can be found here on the [SJBPH website](#). Receiving a booster is shown to drastically increase protection from severe illness. [Vaccination clinic information](#) can also be found on the SJBPH website.

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