

City of Sidney Press Release

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City Manager Mark Cundiff previously announced the implementation of changes to city staffing levels to protect city employees during the COVID-19 pandemic; these staffing level changes were effective Monday, March 23, 2020. "Some employees are working remotely from home, some are reporting to work on a rotating schedule, some will continue to report each day and others, because of the nature of their job, have been sent home to wait for recall," Cundiff remarked.

"We're now entering our third week of operating on minimal staffing levels and are looking at the impact these staffing levels will have on services provided by the city into the month of April," stated Assistant City Manager/Public Works Director Gary Clough. "Essential services, such as water and wastewater treatment continue with no changes or interruptions. Solid waste collection changes were announced last week, but minimum city staffing will impact the level of employees available to provide yard waste collection."

Clough announced that city collection of yard waste scheduled to take place April 13 through April 17 has been cancelled. "We continue to work with Republic Services on the start date for daily collection of yard waste. Republic typically begins this service on May 1, but it may be delayed a few weeks because of the pandemic."

In the meantime, residential customers may take their yard waste to Roe Transportation Enterprises, Inc., 3680 West Michigan Street (State Route 47 West) while the city collection services have been suspended. Residential customers will be required to show an ID before dropping off materials.

For additional information about how the COVID-19 pandemic as it pertains to city operations, please visit the city's COVID-19 Update website at: www.sidneyoh.com/465/COVID-19-Update.