



Date June 13, 2024

RE: Recycling suspension due to fire

To all East Texas Recycling customers,

Regretfully Republic Services must suspend all recycling loads going to Rivers Recycling Facility immediately. On the evening of June 12th the entire facility burned to the ground. Rivers Recycling is the only such facility within a hundred and fifty miles, causing disruption with all East Texas trash companies that provide recycle collection as well as the cities of Longview and Tyler that collect their own curbside recycling.

On a positive note we have been in contact with the owners of Rivers Recycling and they plan to rebuild an even better, modernized facility as soon as possible! Hopefully within months.

Republic Services will continue to pick up and collect the curbside recycle contents with the same truck as the trash temporarily so citizens will stay in the habit of separating recycle so when recycling begins again it will be back to normal operations. Please inform your citizens however you think is best but we want to keep it as uncomplicated as possible.

*Continue separating recycling in the designated yellow or blue lid cart but place it 3 feet from the trash cart for collection on trash day.

*If you have a recycle 'drop off' location in your City we will continue to haul it as scheduled but it will also go to the landfill unless you ask us to temporarily remove it.

Thank you for your cooperation during this temporary setback and feel free to contact me with any questions.

Respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "G. Keenon".

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