Sugar Land City Council approved a contract amendment with Allied Waste Industries, Inc. to expand items collected during weekly curbside recycling. The changes are being provided at no additional cost to Sugar Land.

"The City's current residential solid waste contract allows residents to place a limited number of paper, metal and plastic products in their curbside recycling bin," said Environmental Manager Adam Smith. "This contract amendment greatly increases the items that can be recycled by our residents. The most noticeable change is the increase in the types of plastic materials that may be recycled."

Residents may now place the following items in curbside recycling containers:

- · Plastics include numbers 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 7. The numbers are located inside triangular recycling symbols located on plastic containers. Caps, lids and labels are ok, but they should be rinsed. Plastic grocery bags are not accepted in the curbside bins.
- · Paper items collected are newspaper, cardboard, magazines, catalogs, phonebooks, mail, paperback books, paper bags, chip board, carrier stock and juice/milk cartons.
- Acceptable metals are aluminum cans, bimetal (tin) cans and aluminum food trays/foil.

Allied Waste provides once-a-week curbside recycling and provides each home in Sugar Land with one free 18-gallon blue bin. The curbside collection program is included as part of the City's solid waste residential collection services.

To obtain a blue recycling bin, call the Sugar Land Public Works Department at (281) 275-2450 or e-mail solidwaste@sugarlandtx.gov.