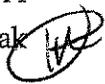


**Department of  
Public Works**

## Memo

To: Michael W. Culpepper

From: Timothy L. Richnak 

Date: 9/4/2012

Re: Recycling of White Goods – City Council Meeting 8-27-12

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In review of the public comment made by Mr. M. L. Geiger regarding the recycling of white goods in the City of Troy, we provide the following.

It is the policy thru the tri-party contract held by Tringali Sanitation, SOCRRA and the City of Troy that Tringali Sanitation collects refuse, yard waste and recycling including Bulky Scrap Metal and White goods and delivers those items to the SOCRRA Material Recovery Facility (MRF) for recycling and disposal as required. In recent years, the collection of Bulky Scrap Metal and White Goods in Troy and surrounding SOCRRA communities has drastically reduced due to a large increase in scavengers.

These scavengers have the ability to get to the items before Tringali's collection day which starts at 7:00 A.M. The contract requirement that calls for this service to be collected by a separate bulk truck within 48 hours has been waived and now allows the collecting contractor to pick-up large metal items in the rear hopper of their trash truck to transport them to SOCRRA for recycling. It is up to Tringali's employee to determine whether the dishwasher in question is mostly metal and therefore recyclable or mostly made of plastic and therefore collected as refuse. Considering that the item in question was still at the curb and not collected by a scavenger leads us to believe that the dishwasher very well may have been mostly plastic and not recyclable.

SOCRRA's employees at the Troy Transfer Station examine the refuse and remove any large metal items or any other items that should not go to the landfill such as grass and other compostable materials. SOCRRA has over 1 million pounds of refuse move through that transfer station each day of operation and it may have appeared that the dishwasher Mr.

Geiger saw was compacted and viewed as refuse. However, on rare occasions SOCRRA employees have found and removed for recycling large metal items.

SOCRRA will continue to waive the contract requirement for a separate truck to collect Bulky Scrap Metal and White Goods, and will review periodically that decision based on economic conditions, amount of large items available and price of scrap metal. Tringali employees have been reminded to collect all large scrap metal items and bring them to the SOCRRA facility for recycling. In addition, SOCRRA employees have been asked to be ever vigilant when scanning refuse for large metal items and to remove them for recycling.