



Media Statement

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Waste Collection Services Affected in Parts of Johannesburg Due to Ongoing Protest Action

Pikitup, the waste management entity of the City of Johannesburg wishes to inform residents that waste collection services in certain parts of the city are currently experiencing disruptions due to ongoing protest action by casual workers contracted to waste collection Service Providers, who demand to be absorbed by the entity.

The protest action has resulted in the blockading of entrances to the Marlboro, Waterval, Roodepoort, Randburg, Orange Farm and Avalon depots, preventing waste collection vehicles and permanent Pikitup employees from leaving the depots to conduct scheduled waste collection services.

Pikitup wishes to emphasise that its employees are not on strike and remain available to provide waste collection services. However, the blockades have significantly affected the entity's ability to render services.

The entity is actively engaging with the relevant stakeholders and law enforcement agencies, including Service Providers to restore normal operations. Parallel to that, operational interventions are being implemented to minimise service disruptions and support the recovery of waste collection services

Pikitup sincerely apologises to affected residents for the inconvenience caused and appeals for patience and understanding while efforts continue to resolve the current impasse. Residents are encouraged to follow Pikitup's official social media platforms for regular updates on waste collection services in their respective areas.

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