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Media Statement

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PIKITUP DIVERTS RESOURCES TO CLEAR BACKLOGS IN RANDBURG, ROODEPOORT AND MIDRAND

Pikitup's Randburg and Roodepoort depots, which are two days behind on their waste collection schedules, will continue working over the weekend to clear all backlogs in their respective areas of operation.

Waste collection services in these areas will be supplemented with additional vehicles, personnel and access to less congested waste disposal sites, as other depots will not be operating over the weekend. It is anticipated that the weekend operations will clear all outstanding backlogs and normalise services from 23 March 2026.

The Roodepoort depot will collect Thursday's (19 March 2026) backlog on Saturday, 21 March 2026, and Friday's (20 March 2026) backlog on Sunday, 22 March 2026. The Randburg depot will follow a similar schedule, addressing Thursday's backlog on Saturday and Friday's backlog on Sunday.

The disruption to waste collection services was caused, among other factors, by operational challenges, community demands for employment in areas such as Malatjie, Honeydew, Cosmo City, and Zandspruit, as well as wet weather conditions that contributed to delays at landfill sites.

Weekend operations will also continue in the Midrand depot area, which is one day behind on its waste collection schedule. This depot will collect all outstanding waste from Friday (20 March 2026) on Saturday, 21 March 2026.

Pikitup appeals to residents whose collection dates fall within this period to place their waste bins out for collection over the weekend. Residents are also encouraged to follow the entity's social media platforms and website for updates on the collection schedule.

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