Media Statement

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Pikitup is working over the weekend to address backlogs

Pikitup, the City of Johannesburg's waste management entity, will continue to implement its waste recovery plan in four depot areas this weekend, the 7th and 8th November 2026 respectively.

The recovery plan was implemented last weekend following the four-day South African Municipal Workers' Union (SAMWU) strike.

The plan is showing positive results, with only four of Pikitup's 12 depot areas operating this weekend to address outstanding waste collection backlogs as opposed to almost all the depot operating on the weekend of the 31 October and 1 of November 2026. The four depots that will be working this weekend are:

- Waterval,
- Randburg,
- Roodepoort
- Marlboro depots

These depots will conduct waste collection services on Saturday, 7 November 2026, in areas that were not serviced on Thursday, 5 November 2026. The same depots will also address the missed Friday, 6 November 2026, collection rounds on Sunday, 8 November 2026.

Residents whose waste was not collected by the above-mentioned depots and whose areas are scheduled for weekend recovery operations are urged to place their bins outside their properties for collection on the relevant day, Saturday or Sunday.

Residents are also encouraged to follow Pikitup's social media platforms for updates on the progress of waste collection in areas that will be serviced over the weekend.

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