MEMORANDUM

To: SFSWMA Joint Powers Board Members
From: Randall Kippenbrock, P.E., Executive Director RLK
Date: October 12, 2026
Subject: Request for Approval of 2027 Residential Free Days

SUMMARY

The Agency requests Board approval of the 2027 Residential Free Days program. This program allows Santa Fe city and county residents to dispose of household trash and recycle household hazardous waste, electronic waste, green waste, and scrap tires at the Buckman Road Recycling and Transfer Station, and to dispose of household trash at the Caja del Rio Landfill, all free of charge.

Since 2014, the Residential Free Days program provides the following:

- Reduce Illegal Dumping: Proactively combat littering and unauthorized dumping in public areas.
- Community Cleanliness: Encourage residents to clear out accumulated junk and rubbish, including seasonal green waste.
- Engagement: Strengthen community relations by delivering a high-value, tangible public service.

The proposed 2027 Residential Free Days calendar schedule is shown below and in Attachment 1.

Free Tire Days	First weekend of every month (23 days)
Free Green Waste Days	First weekend of the month from April to September (11 days)
Free HHW Day	March 13, 2027
Free Electronic Waste Day	August 28, 2027
Free Trash Days	April 17, 2027 and September 18, 2027

The Residential Free Trash Days coincide with the City of Santa Fe's Spring and Fall community cleanup events.

In response to lower participation rates and to improve operational efficiency, the Agency reduced the frequency of Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) and Electronic Waste Free Days from twice a year to once, aligning with earlier years. In addition to the free days program, BuRRT accepts all materials year-round at nominal fees.

The Agency typically funds the Residential Free Days program from its operating budget, which covers additional staffing, extended facility hours, disposal and recycling fees, and community outreach efforts.

If the Board approves, the Agency will notify City and County staff to add the dates to their calendar.

ACTION REQUESTED

The Agency recommends approval of the 2027 Residential Free Days.

Attachment: 2027 Residential Free Days Calendar

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ATTACHMENT 1

2027 Residential Free Days Calendar

Santa Fe Solid Waste Management Agency
2027 Residential Free Days at the
Buckman Road Recycling and Transfer Station

NO WASTE ACCEPTED FROM BUSINESSES OR CONTRACTORS FOR THESE EVENTS

FREE TIRE DAYS

First weekend of every month – Saturday and Sunday
Limit: Eight passenger tires per day.

January 2 and 3	May 1 and 2	September 4 and 5
February 6 and 7	June 5 and 6	October 2 and 3
March 6 and 7	July 3	November 6 and 7
April 3 and 4	August 7 and 8	December 4 and 5

FREE GREEN WASTE DAYS

First weekend of the month from April to September – Saturday and Sunday
Has your green waste been piling up? Bring it **unbagged** to BuRRT.

April 3 and 4	June 5 and 6	August 7 and 8
May 1 and 2	July 3	September 4 and 5

FREE HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DAY

Household cleaners, automotive products, paints, solvents, poisons, fertilizers, batteries, pool chemicals, and hobby products.

Spring Collection
March 13
7:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

***HHW Center will be closed after event.**

FREE ELECTRONIC WASTE DAY

Computers, monitors, printers, televisions, household electronics and small appliances.

Fall Collection
August 28
7:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

FREE TRASH DAYS

BuRRT – 2600 Buckman Road
Caja del Rio Landfill – 149 Wildlife Way
7:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Saturday, April 17
Saturday, September 18

Trash, unwanted materials, rubbish, appliances, furniture, mattresses, building materials, carpet, tiles, concrete, bricks and metals.

Vehicles with trailers must use the landfill.

Loads that arrive in commercial or business vehicles or trailers will be subject to tipping fees.

BuRRT HOLIDAYS

January 1	New Year's Day
March 28	Easter Sunday
May 31	Memorial Day
July 4	Independence Day
September 6	Labor Day
November 25	Thanksgiving Day
December 25	Christmas Day

CAJA DEL RIO LANDFILL HOLIDAYS

January 1	New Year's Day
November 25	Thanksgiving Day
December 25	Christmas Day

Materials will **NOT** be accepted at Santa Fe County Convenience Centers.
*For more information visit www.santaferecycling.*org or call (505) 424-1850.