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Media Statement

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Pikitup implements weekend recovery plan to clear waste collection backlogs

Pikitup, the waste management entity of the City of Johannesburg, will be working over the weekend (14–15 March 2026) to implement a waste collection recovery plan aimed at normalising services in parts of the city affected by recent operational disruptions, including protest-related incidents.

The recovery plan will prioritise areas serviced by the Randburg, Roodepoort, Central Camp, Midrand, Selby and Marlboro depots, which have experienced delays in waste collection. Teams at these depots will continue working over the weekend to clear backlogs and restore services.

In a previous communication, residents were encouraged to utilise Pikitup's Integrated Waste Management Facilities where possible. Pikitup is aware that this has resulted in increased volumes and temporary overflow at some of these facilities. The entity is actively managing the situation and implementing measures to ensure that waste is cleared, and facilities continue to operate effectively.

Residents are encouraged to follow Pikitup's social media platforms, official website for updates on information about specific suburbs or areas scheduled for waste collection over the weekend.

Pikitup would also like to commend the residents of Cosmo City, who are serviced by the Randburg depot, for assisting in cleaning Africa Street after waste was deliberately scattered by a group of protesters seeking to forcefully demand employment from the entity. The entity encourages other communities across the city to work together with Pikitup in maintaining clean neighbourhoods while recovery operations are underway.

In addition, on Friday, 13 March 2026, residents of the inner city, together with the Environment and Infrastructure Services Department MMC, Cllr Jack Sekwaila, participated in the High Impact Service Delivery Campaign, assisting with clean-up operations in the inner city.

Pikitup reiterates its appreciation to residents for their patience and understanding during this period and assures them that the entity is doing everything possible to restore normal waste collection services.

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