

Wind plays role in trash backlog

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WORLAND — You might have noticed a few dumpsters full this week, but the Worland landfill was not closed according to Bob Crabtree, landfill manager. He said due to high winds they curtailed some of the blowable trash. He stated they have been open regular landfill hours.

Crabtree said they've been receiving garbage trucks every day, but they don't receive blowable trash during high wind conditions. He explained the reason is for litter control.

"If the wind gets so high that we can't control the trash when it comes out of those trucks then we have to curtail the dumping of those trucks," he explained.

He stated that there have been curtailments Monday and Tuesday.

Crabtree said Tuesday and Wednesday there were vehicles out there and those garbage trucks were able to dump until the winds got too high.

"Tuesday, the wind never did slow down and we curtailed at 9:30 a.m., so we unloaded all of the city trucks until about 9:30 or 10 a.m. and from that point on the wind was so high we couldn't control the trash when they unload," Crabtree said.

"Each one of the trucks made two or three rounds. It probably has slowed their pickup operations, but hopefully they'll get caught up through the course of the week," Crabtree said.

"This is not something new. This is something we do for litter control.

"The only thing that has occurred is that we have curtailed the dumping of blowable trash during high wind conditions," he said again.

"Nothing has been closed."

"The city garbage trucks pick up the dumpsters. They probably did get behind on their routes a little bit," he said.

Gene Cliame, Superintendent of Public Works said that due to the winds at the beginning of this week that they are behind with routes.

"We'll make every effort we can to get caught up," Cliame said.

Cliame lauded the operators and the landfill manager, stating that they keep the landfill organized and free of litter.