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## Curbside recycling returns in Tyler

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After over a year without curbside recycling, Tyler residents will once again be able to utilize this service beginning Monday, July 14.

The City of Tyler announced the news Wednesday morning, noting the return of its curbside recycling program after more

than a year-long pause. The service was temporarily suspended following a structure fire at Rivers Recycling in Kilgore, which handled the processing of materials collected through the city's curbside recycling program. This incident resulted in significant damage and the closure of the plant. Rivers Recycling had previously said it planned

to rebuild but recently announced it will not build another facility. However, the city has found a new partner. "We are pleased to announce that a new facility, the Northeast Texas Regional Materials Recovery Facility (NETX), has officially opened its doors, and the City of Tyler has signed a contract with them to

sort and sell all curbside recycling materials," the city said Wednesday. All previously registered customers will be automatically re-enrolled unless they opted to cancel their service during the suspension period. Customers who have canceled will have to re-enroll.

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Cans and containers should be rinsed before they're placed in recycling carts. (Tyler Morning Telegraph File)

## Hughes, Alders speak in Tyler

Lawmakers recap session, field locals' questions at town hall

JENNIFER SCOTT

Texas Sen. Bryan Hughes and House District 6 Rep. Daniel Alders hosted a town hall Thursday evening at Hollytree Country Club in Tyler, where about 70 people gathered for a recap of the recent legislative session, updates on the upcoming special session, and the chance to ask questions.



Bryan Hughes



Daniel Alders

"It's an important conversation that we have to ensure that I understand my role representing 200,000 folks here in East Texas and Smith County," Alders said at the event, hosted by the Smith Country Republican Club. "We're going to make sure that we are accessible to the community and that our constituents have an opportunity to ask questions and make sure that we know how they feel about the issues that are facing the legislature. I'm happy to do events like this."

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President Donald Trump, first lady Melania Trump and Texas Gov. Greg Abbott meet with local emergency services personnel as they survey flood damage along the Guadalupe River on Friday in Kerrville. (Chip Somodevilla/Getty Images/TNS)

## 'A Horrible Thing'

Trump sees devastation from floods in visit to Texas

KATE SULLIVAN  
Bloomberg News

President Donald Trump in Texas on Friday viewed firsthand the devastation left by extreme flooding that killed at least 120 people and left scores still missing in the state's Hill Country region, seeking to reassure residents of the federal response to the disaster.

The president met with local officials and emergency workers in hard-hit Kerr County, where he received a briefing, accompanied on his visit by first lady Melania Trump and Texas Governor Greg Abbott. Trump surveyed the damage in a helicopter flight and then was shown what appeared to be a map of the flood-damaged area.

The scale of the destruction



Two men from an excavation company aiding in search and recovery look at debris left from the flood in Center Point on Tuesday. (Brenda Bazán for The Texas Tribune)

was evident — with Trump and the first lady standing in front of an overturned tractor trailer and amid downed trees, a

testament to the force of the deadly, ravaging floodwaters which tore through the community.

"It's a horrible thing,

a horrible thing. Nobody can even believe it, such a thing — that much water, that fast," Trump told reporters earlier Friday as

he left Washington. "We're going to be there with some of the great families and others, the governor, everybody."

The deaths from the disaster include children who had been attending a girls' summer camp located near the Guadalupe River, where high waters swept away cabins, bridges and roads. Camp Mystic said it had lost 27 campers and counselors in the deluge.

Officials in Kerr County, where the bulk of the deaths occurred, say the dead included 36 children and 60 adults. Around 160 people remain missing. The statewide death toll is expected to mount as rescuers continue to search through debris for those missing.

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