



**MAYOR BYRON W. BROWN**

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## **MAYOR BYRON W. BROWN ANNOUNCES IMPORTANT UPDATES TO BUFFALO'S RESPONSE TO THE COVID-19 EMERGENCY**

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*Mayor Brown reminds residents that bulk trash collection is postponed until further notice*

Buffalo, NY – Today, Mayor Byron W. Brown reminded residents that the Spring Bulk Trash Pickup, which was set to begin last week, remains postponed. An updated schedule will be issued once the COVID-19 emergency is over.

"I am asking residents to refrain from putting large items out to the curb at this time," said Mayor Brown. "Our sanitation employees are working around the clock to ensure that our streets remain clear of trash. Residents who place debris on the curb will face fees for pickup."

Residents can schedule a special bulk trash pick-up at their property. For a fee starting at \$105, which is the normal fee for "pick and pay", the City will collect an area of trash that does not exceed a length of 12 feet by a height of 3 feet and a width of 3 feet. Larger areas will cost more. Televisions, computers, construction/ demolition debris, tires, paint or other hazardous materials will not be picked-up. Residents are not permitted to place bulk trash at the curb until after they have scheduled an appointment via the City of Buffalo 311 Call and Resolution Center. If they do, the trash will be picked up but residents will be charged the standard fee of \$105 for trash services.

### **Parking reminder**

Mayor Brown reminds City residents to cooperate with the City's alternate parking rules. Please obey the "No Parking 6 pm Thursday to 6 pm Monday" signs. We need to ensure that emergency vehicles can get down these streets.

### **Mayor Brown provides COVID-19 update on the Fire and Police Departments**

While the Coronavirus continues to spread throughout Western New York, Mayor Brown reassures residents that emergency response services by both Buffalo Police and Fire remain operations and are continuing without an interruption in services.

- 30 Firefighters have tested positive for the virus, and 48 others are currently on administrative leave as a precautionary measure, 12 of those positive firefighters have recovered and returned to work
- And 23 Police Officers have tested positive while 9 officers are out on administrative leave. 14 officers have recovered and returned to work yet

Mayor Brown stated, "We continue to take every precautionary measure, including deep cleanings of Police Stations, Firehouses and vehicles, to protect our workforce. The health and safety of our first responders remains a top priority as they continue to tend to the needs of our residents and businesses."

### **The Broadway Market: Open Easter Week (8 am- 6 pm)**

Tomorrow, Friday April 10th, is the last day people can place an order for curbside pickups at the historic Broadway Market. Patrons must call a participating Broadway Market vendor(s) to place a pre-paid order at least one day in advance of pick-

up, and reserve a curbside pick-up time. For more information about the program, including a list of participating vendors, visit [www.buffalony.gov](http://www.buffalony.gov).

### **Mayor Brown encourages residents to Light the Night Blue TONIGHT**

Mayor Byron W. Brown is asking residents to light their homes blue tonight, April 9, 2020 in support of responders, medical staff and teams on the front lines of the COVID-19 virus. On Tuesday, Mayor Brown asked the Buffalo Landmark Illumination Team (BUFFALOLIT) to light their structures blue tonight as part of the NFL's national event, joining stadiums across the country, including New Era Field.

### **Complete Your Census**

Without an accurate count, the City of Buffalo will miss out on crucial federal funding needed to power community programming in the aftermath of the COVID-19 crisis. Mayor Brown urges residents to be counted by completing their 2020 Census forms. As of April 9th, the City of Buffalo's response rate is 36.3%, which lags far behind the 46.2% national response rate. Please encourage your family, friends and neighbors to complete their forms at [2020Census.gov](http://2020Census.gov).

### **Looking for work? Local Companies are hiring!**

Local job experts continue to help residents impacted by the COVID-19 emergency. If you are looking for work, call the Buffalo Employment and Training Center at 856-JOBS. Employment counselors are available for remote one-on-one counseling sessions.

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