

City plans to open manned disposal site

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RACINE — When the city offered 13 trash disposal sites last year, garbage started pouring into Racine, said Public Works Commissioner Fred Larson.

"People were hauling it in from all over," he said, because the city offered a "free place to unload."

The city got so much trash that only one site is expected to be available this year and only those who can prove city residency through tax bills or drivers licenses will be allowed to dump, Larson said.

The plan is to open a manned site from April 14 to Nov. 7 on city property at the dead end of Pearl Street, north of 9th Street 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays.

The city's previous main dump site at 8th and Marquette streets isn't expected to be used this year.

The dumpsters are not for con-

tractors, demolition companies, large apartment complexes, and industries, said Assistant Public Works Commissioner Thomas White. Large branches, vehicles, car parts, tree stumps and demolition materials will be prohibited.

Last year, the 13 sites set up for a couple of months resulted in 175 20-yard containers of trash, Larson said. It boosted the city's May trash collection to 6,245 tons, compared to the monthly average of 3,500 tons.

Extra trash dumped by nonresidents costs the city more in landfill costs, Larson said.

That monthly average of 3,500 tons, or 42,000 tons a year, has remained stable for 15 years.

"You can say our population has dropped, but the waste has been maintained," he said.

The city's annual spring cleanup in which garbage crews pick up bulky items normally not accepted, still is planned for early May.