



ZEEKOEVLEI PENINSULA CID BIN BRIEF!



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Bins

As mentioned in our recent newsbrief we have spoken to Pro-Sec about the recent raiding of bins during the night and have done some additional research online:

1. Bin raiding is a common problem in all areas monitored by security companies and neighbourhood watches. Many have an active policy of insisting that bins are only put out on the morning of collection.
2. Besides the mess created, there are additional security risks relating to information that can be collected from your bin as pointed out in this article:
<https://www.iol.co.za/capeargus/news/beware-your-rubbish-may-be-why-your-home-is-burgled-after-bin-day-259da2da-6f43-4430-bd8d-2b877489def5>
3. In Clause 1 of the City of Cape Town's Terms and Conditions for Refuse Removal Service it states:
 - All waste must be placed in the container and kept on the property, except on the scheduled collection day. Service schedules and guidelines are available at customer care offices.
 - On the scheduled collection day, the container filled with refuse bags must be placed on the kerbside outside the applicant's property at 06:00. The lid must be able to close.
 - Waste not placed in the containers will not be removed.
 - Containers must be retrieved and stored safely inside the property boundary as soon as possible after refuse collection.

We had further discussions with Pro-Sec's new head of operations on Monday and can report back on the following:

1. Waste pickers might be accessing our area via the weir road and might hide away when the guards are visible.
2. While understanding that waste pickers can cause a mess and pose a potential security risk, Pro-Sec is constrained by the 'freedom of movement' clause which is enshrined in our Bill of Rights as part of the Constitution. Pro-Sec can therefore challenge people, but they cannot stop them from entering our area.
3. The guards will challenge and report people entering our area on foot late at night and in early hours of the morning.
4. Pro-Sec will do additional car patrols this week on bin night and we will have further discussions depending on what happens with bins this week.
5. We agreed that we will encourage residents not to put out bins on Tuesday night, but on Wednesday morning rather.

Let's be **proactive** and **part of the solution** by making sure we only put our bins out on the morning of refuse collection day.

And be reminded that there are at least two options available to us for recycling:

1. All recyclables e.g., cans, glass, paper, certain plastics can be dropped off at the Prince George Drive waste drop-off facility.
2. Curbcycle collects in Zeekoevlei on Thursdays. Sign up here: curbcyclecpt@gmail.com Or Whatsapp: 066-162-6824

