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Allied Waste drivers scheduled to return

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Local Allied Waste garbage and recycling truck drivers are scheduled to resume their routes today, following a work stoppage that was launched Thursday in support of striking Allied workers in Mobile, Ala., and Columbus, Ohio.

A contract dispute between Allied and its the workers in Alabama and Ohio was settled Tuesday, according to a spokeswoman for the Phoenix, Ariz.- based waste hauling company.

"Things are back to normal and folks reported back to work [Tuesday] morning," said Peg Mulloy, a spokeswoman for Allied Waste.

Locally, workers for the company had not picked up garbage or recyclables since Thursday in several communities where Allied Waste has contracts with municipalities and businesses, including in Buffalo, Cheektowaga, Evans, Grand Island and Orchard Park in Erie County.

Local drivers cover 67 different routes in Erie and Niagara counties.