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Curbside Recycling Just Got Better

Town Initiates Recycle Program with New 95 Gallon Burgundy Wheeled Carts



Look for the all new burgundy Recycle Carts now on display at Town Hall, DAC/Community Center, Burch Library and other sites. Monday, June 30 marks the start of the new recycling program coordinated by The Town of Collierville. Carts will be provided to residents at no cost.

A few weeks prior to Monday, June 30, 2014 Collierville Public Services Department/Solid Waste Division employees will deliver a shiny new burgundy 'Collierville Recycles' 95 gallon cart, provided at **no** cost, to all residents that currently recycle. Curbside recycling just got better with service now provided by Town of Collierville, effective June 30, 2014. If you have not been recycling and want to start, just call 901-457-2800, ext. 0 and request delivery. The recycle carts will be used in addition to the green 95 gallon TOC Garbage carts.

"One of the reasons the Town will now coordinate recycling pick-up and delivery is we realize reliability, predictability and quality service is very important to Collierville Residents," James Lewellen, Town Administrator said. The larger, more easily used cart will hold bigger pieces of cardboard, more paper, plastic and aluminum, plus the cart lid will keep rain and weather from letting items blow away. Changes in the process of recycling, and the Town's determination to have a successful recycling program, has led to the purchase of 10,800 new carts.

"We know we are accountable to our residents and we have a proven record of good service and dependable collection. Town employees understand this is a very personal and beneficial service. If not done the right way, it may disrupt resident's lifestyle. Our sanitation workers take pride in not missing a collection and do their absolute best to always stay on schedule," Lewellen said.

Recyclables will be collected weekly, on your regularly scheduled garbage collection day. If the cart is not full, perhaps waiting a week might work as well. Sorting recyclables is no longer necessary. Just put it all in the new cart and position curbside because recycling just got better thanks to the insight, dedication of the Town of Collierville. The new carts should not be used until Monday, June 30 when the Town program begins. Recycle carts should be placed within three feet of the back of the curb, out of the

gutter, no later than 7am on your regular collection day. You can keep the small bin along with the 95 gallon cart however the small bin can no longer be emptied. The trucks used to collect the new recycle bins is also changing; the cart lifting arm will be automated and needs only one person to operate it, reducing costs and improving efficiency. If the smaller bin, is no longer needed, it may be left for pick up and proper disposal by the Town. Go to www.collierville.com and click Maps Gallery at lower right for sanitation schedule.

Acceptable recycle items are: Aluminum Cans, Metal Food & Beverage Cans, Glass Bottles & Jars, Milk & Juice Cartons, Plastic Bottles & Jugs #1-7 (w/ lids), Cereal & Food Boxes, Wide-mouth Plastic Containers, Mixed Paper, Newspaper, Office Paper, & Junk Mail Paper, Hardcover Books, Magazines, Phone Books, Catalogs, Aluminum Foil/trays, Rigid Plastics, Cardboard Boxes, and Pizza Boxes. Look for new carts displayed at several Town of Collierville locations.



Collierville resident Kathryn Tebbe stopped to look at the new 95 Gallon Recycle Cart Town Of Collierville Public Services Department/Solid Waste Division will begin using June 30, 2014.

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