

City of Sheridan Single-Stream Recycling Q&A / Talking Points

Aug. 3, 2015

Q: When does curbside recycling begin?

A: August 3

Q: What is the cost?

A: \$3.00 per household (single & duplex residences).

Q: What if I don't want/have room for a blue recycling cart? What if I don't want to recycle?

A: All residents will pay the \$3 fee regardless of whether or not they choose to recycle.

Q: Will it always cost \$3?

A: Curbside may allow us to recycle enough tonnage to reduce or eliminate the fee. A successful recycling program will help keep waste collection rates as low as possible for residents in the future. Our goal is to make recycling so convenient that residents recycle all that they can, which we hope will allow us to cover the cost of the recycling program and reduce or eliminate the \$3 fee in the future.

Q: Why is recycling important?

A: Building and operating new landfills that adequately protect the environment are costly. Recycling is a way of being proactive and entrepreneurial, extending the life of the landfill, and keeping rates down in the future. If we meet our new recycling goals, we hope to reduce or eliminate the \$3 recycling fee while also keeping solid waste collection rates down.

Q: Will all homes be able to participate? What about businesses?

A: Curbside recycling service will initially be made available to single family and duplex homes. We will begin meeting with multi-unit complexes to develop a plan for future service. Businesses already participate in curbside cardboard recycling. We plan to expand that service in the future as well.

Q: What CAN go into my blue recycling bin?

- Plastics #1-7
- Aluminum cans
- Tin cans
- Paper
- Styrofoam – large chunks only (no packing peanuts)

Q: What CANNOT go into my blue recycling bin?

- No glass
- No plastic bags
- No hazardous waste
- No scrap metal
- No electronic waste

Q: How do I prepare my containers (plastic, tin, aluminum) for the blue bin?

A: Rinse lightly to remove any contaminants, remove labels (only if easy but not necessary). Throw lids into regular trash.

Q: How do I get rid of the items that cannot be recycled?

A: Four drop sites will remain open after August 3: List them here Brad.

Q: What about County residents? Can they still recycle?

A: Yes. County residents will still be able to recycling their items at the four drop sites: List them here Brad.

Q: What about the green waste containers?

A: Green waste can be taken to the landfill, and the Green Waste bins will remain available in the same locations around Sheridan.