

## **Recycling Q&A**

**Q: What does it cost for my household for curbside recycling?**

A: \$3.00 per household

**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 of the city of Sheridan will pay the \$3 fee regardless of whether or not they choose to recycle.

**Q: Will it always cost \$3?**

A: Curbside recycling 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 the homes be able to participate? What about businesses?**

A: Curbside recycling service will initially be made available to single family and duplex homes. We are currently meeting with multi-unit complexes and businesses to develop a plan, depending on their needs. Please contact Darla at 674-8461 to discuss your recycling needs.

**Q: What CAN go into my blue recycling bin?**

- \*Plastics #1-7
- \*Aluminum cans
- \*Tin cans
- \*Paper – office paper, magazines, etc.
- \*Shredded paper – must be contained in a bag before being deposited into bin
- \*Styrofoam – heavy duty / 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: What if I have extra recycling and my blue bin is full before my regularly scheduled pickup day?**

A: You can take the recyclables to the 4 remaining dropsites and deposit them into the correct bin. These sites accept sorted material only, not commingled (combined). They are located at: 5<sup>th</sup> & Highland, Washington Park, the City Landfill, and near the City Recycling Center. Or you can contact us if you would like to receive another blue recycling bin for an additional \$3/month.

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

A: Yes, County residents will still be able to recycle their items at the 4 drop sites listed above.

**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.