

Waste Industries

Our contract with Waste Industries was expiring this year. The expiring contract locked in prices during the \$4.00/gallon gas season along with other cost increases concluding with the tipping fee increase imposed this summer capping off the list of expenses. Trash collection services were put out for bids among area carriers. After several rounds of competitive bid negotiations on behalf of the Association, our current carrier came in lowest bid. Beginning October 1, (4th quarter) Waste Industry rates will rise from \$47.07/quarter to \$52.95. Waste Industries has agreed to include curbside recycling with this rate. The new rate will be guaranteed for two years (with the exception of any county landfill increases) and up for renegotiation the third year. You are not required to recycle, but it's a good thing to do and relatively painless. More details on recycling later.

September 22nd, the 18 gallon recycling bins will be distributed to each household. PLEASE NOTE that trash collection will be moving to Thursdays. To accommodate this switch, the week of September 28 there will be TWO collections. On Monday, September 28 your normal trash collection will occur. The same week on October 1, trash AND recyclables will be collected. Starting on October 8, Thursdays will be your normal day for trash and recyclables pickup.

Again, please note these dates:

September 22 recycle bin delivery

September 28, Monday, last trash ONLY pickup

October 1, Thursday, collection moves to Thursday and includes recycle pickup

1. WHY RECYCLE? It allows trash to be recycled and reused again, reducing the amount of trash in our region; and extending the life of our landfill. If we recycle, we can save 1.248K lbs. or 624 tons of glass, 108K lbs. or 54 tons of cardboard and paper and 90K lbs. or 45 tons of plastic and metals. It takes each of us to help make this difference for our community! You will notice in your own home, how much trash is reduced when you start recycling these items.

2. Items to be accepted by Waste Industries for recycling include:

Paper – Newspaper, White paper, Junk Mail, Cardboard Boxes (broken down), Magazines, Computer Paper, Soft cover books and Cereal boxes

Glass – Clear, brown and green glass containers (Remove lids and throw out in regular trash, wash out containers before placing them in the bin).

Plastic #1 through #7 See additional recycling information sheet for restrictions

Metals: Aluminum and Steel Cans only.

Waste Industries will also pick-up five extra bags of trash; that will also include trimmings from shrubs/trees if it is tied with string in manageable sized bundles.