

Recycling Program Update

In March 2009 the Town of Strasburg started a bi-weekly recycling collection program. The Town contracted with American Disposal Services, based in the Northern Virginia area, to provide collection services. The single stream recycling program allows residents the freedom of putting all of their recyclables into the same container, a process called commingling, without the bothersome tasks of bundling and sorting. All sorting takes place at high-tech recycling facilities, where recyclables are separated and processed into various feed stocks to be used in the manufacturing of new and useful products.

Program Statistics

Since the program began, more than 250 tons, or 500,000 pounds, of recyclable materials have been collected. This amount represents about 11% of the total solid waste collected within the Town of Strasburg. The monthly amount of recyclables collected has steadily increased since the program began. In March 2009, 10.39 tons of recyclables were collected and in April 2010 over 23 tons of recyclable materials were collected. The amount of recyclable materials collected would have cost the Town more than \$9,000 to dispose of at the County landfill.

Collection Information

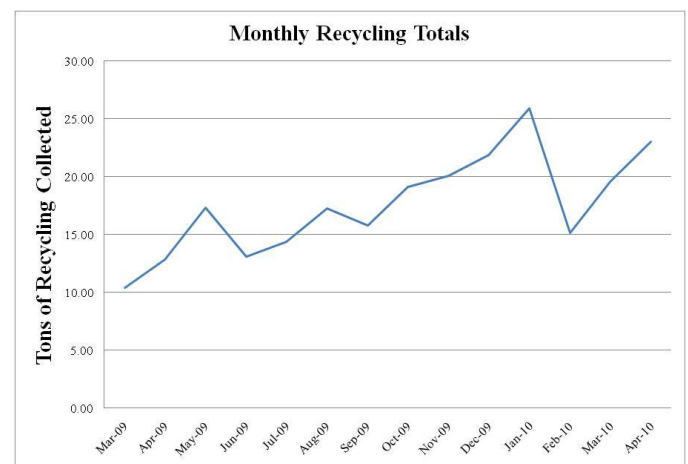
Recycling collection is done each Wednesday, except for the 5th Wednesday of the month when no collection takes place. Residents east of Massanutten Street have their recycling collected on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month, while households west of Massanutten Street have their collection on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays. One recycling bin is provided by the Town for each residence and additional bins can be purchased for \$10. Any receptacle can be used for collection as long as it is appropriately marked.

Recycling – YES!

- Aluminum cans, metal food & beverage cans
- Glass bottles and jars, cereal & food boxes
- Milk & juice cartons, plastic bottle & jugs
- Wide-mouth plastic containers
- Mixed paper, newspaper, office paper, & junk mail
- Magazines, phone books, & catalogs
- Paperback & hardcover books
- Aluminum foil & trays
- Empty aerosol cans, rigid plastics
- Cardboard boxes & pizza boxes

Recycling – NO!

- Motor oil containers, plastic cutlery, forks, knives, spoons
- Plastic food trays & cups, clam-shell containers, paper plates & napkins
- Light bulbs, glassware, ceramics, pots & pans
- Batteries, Styrofoam cups, plates, bowls, to-go containers



For more information on the recycling program, please contact the Town of Strasburg.



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