

New Curbside Recycling Program Effective July 1, 2014

The current regional curbside recycling contract has run its seven year term and will end in June of this year. A new contract, with a new contractor, will take effect on June 30, 2014. The new contractor providing the collection and processing services to the region is County Waste (a private solid waste and recycling company- not affiliated with any County). Residents of James City County, Poquoson, Williamsburg, and York County are included in this regional curbside recycling program. While York County has already switched to wheeled carts and every other week collection for curbside recycling, the other member communities will be making this change as well. So what changes will York subscribers see?

New “Recycling Only” Subscription Option! County residents who contract privately for curbside garbage collection may subscribe to “**Recycling Only**” service beginning July 1, 2014. The cost for Recycling Only service will be \$2.00 per month (billed bi-monthly.) (**NOTE:** *Customers currently paying a rate of \$18.50 per month for combined garbage and recycling collection will see a rate **DECREASE!** Effective July 1, 2014, the cost for “Basic Service”, which includes both garbage and recycling collections, will be \$17.50 per month (billed bi-monthly.)*

Additional Plastics will be Accepted! In addition to the program-wide change to larger carts with every other week collection (*which does not apply to York residents*), the new contractor will be accepting a wider variety of plastics to include: plastic bottles and jugs, wide-mouth containers such as butter tubs and yogurt cups, clamshell containers such as salad bar and bakery containers, and rigid plastics such as flower pots, pails and buckets. Many of you have been asking for this and the day is finally here! We are glad to see this addition because increased amounts of materials recycled means less waste sent to landfills. Less waste going to landfills is good for the environment...and our pocketbooks!

Cart Size Options! All York customers currently have 95 gallon wheeled containers. If you would like a smaller cart, after August 4, 2014, County Waste will allow a onetime change to either a 65 gallon or 35 gallon wheeled cart.

Is my collection day for recycling going to change? Most residents will not have a change in their collection day. The contractor is currently preparing route sheets with the intent of not changing collection days; however, collection days may change for some residents.

How much can I put out- does it all have to be in the cart? Please attempt to place all recyclables in the cart. If you have too many recyclables, they may be placed in a **paper** bag or other container and placed next to the cart for collection. **PLEASE do not place additional recyclables in plastic bags!**

Can I bag my recyclables in plastic bags before placing them in the cart? No. Plastic bags are damaging to the equipment used to process recyclable materials. Since the materials go to a single stream processing facility, there is never a need to bag your recyclables, except in the case of shredded paper. Small amounts of shredded paper can be put in paper bags and placed inside your recycling cart. Please return your plastic bags to Farm Fresh, Food Lion, Target, Wal-Mart, or any participating plastic bag take-back locations. Plastic bags can also be delivered to any of the Riverwalk Market Days farmer’s market events for recycling.

Bi-Monthly Rates Effective July 1, 2014:

Solid Waste and Recycling	Standard Fee	Reduced fee for those who qualify under section 19-78
Basic Service	\$35.00	\$30.00
Recycling Only Service	\$4.00	N/A
Extra charge for those who elect service pursuant to subsection 19-66(e)(1) <u>Backyard Service</u>	\$24.50	\$24.50
Extra charge for those who elect service pursuant to subsection 19-66(e)(2) <u>Long/Private Driveway</u>	\$32.00	\$32.00
Extra charge for those who elect service pursuant to subsection 19-66(e)(3) <u>Long/Private Driveway and Backyard Service:</u>	\$54.00	\$54.00
Extra charge per container:	\$16.00	\$16.00

- (a) Services for recycling only subscribers shown above will be available for the following fees:

Recycling only Services	Standard Fee	Reduced fee for those who qualify under section 19-78
Solid Waste Drop-off	\$52 per ton	Not Applicable

- (b) Services for non-subscribers shown above will be available for the following fees:

Non-subscriber Services	Standard Fee	Reduced fee for those who qualify under section 19-78
Solid Waste Drop-off	\$52 per ton	Not Applicable
Compost Facility Drop-off	\$38 per ton	Not Applicable

If you have questions about recycling or other Waste Management programs or would like to subscribe to the County's Curbside Solid Waste Collections program, please contact the Waste Management Division at 890-3780, Monday through Friday, between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., or through our online "SERVICE REQUEST SYSTEM" shown near the top of the left column at www.yorkcounty.gov/eds or <http://www.yorkcounty.gov/wastemanagement>.