

Curbside Recycling Pick-up

We need to suspend curbside pick-up for recycling. We do not have a place to put 400-600 bags of curbside recycling when it is delivered on Thursdays.

The issue is the environmental (wind, rain, snow) conditions. When the recycling is brought to us at a temporary location the 400 to 600 bags will be “dumped” onto the ground, (some bags break open). It takes our staff at least four hours to process the recycling from the bags to the silver bullets. Therefore, we’d have a pile of bags and materials exposed to the weather (wind) while staff works on processing.

If the Town wants to continue with the curbside recycling pick-up we can have our hauler take the bags with the trash. There would be an increased cost as we pay:

- the hauler \$0.75 per recycle bag and \$2.00 per trash bag that is picked up; and
- \$88 per ton for trash and \$140 per ton for recycling for disposal.
- For example: 500 bags of recycling at 5lbs per bag:
 - Trash Cost – \$1,110
 - $500\text{bags} \times 5\text{lb} / 2000\text{lb} \times \$88 = \$110$ disposal cost
 - $500\text{bags} \times \$2/\text{bag} = \$1,000$ hauler cost
 - Recycle Cost – \$550
 - $500\text{bags} \times 5\text{lb} / 2000\text{lb} \times \$140 = \$175$ disposal cost
 - $500\text{bags} \times \$0.75/\text{bag} = \375 hauler cost

In place of curbside recycling, we could open an additional day with evening hours, if lighting is available to do so. I would suggest Tuesday’s (12-6pm or 1-7pm) so that we have a day between the days we’re open to have the dumpsters emptied if necessary.