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Recycling Program Update

Recycling Program Changes

The Town of Jamestown recycling program is undergoing several changes as we enter into a new agreement with North Davidson Garbage Service (NDGS). Our initial five year contract was extended an additional six (6) months, and it ended in August. We competitively bid the recycling service, and Town Council awarded the contract to NDGS. In the bid process, we requested bids in three different scenarios:

- Collection of recyclable materials in bags
- Collection of recycling in Town-provided containers
- Collection of recyclables in vendor-provided containers

As anticipated, no vendors bid on collection of recyclables in bags this time – NDGS was the only vendor willing to collect bags in the previous bid in 2013. Republic Services and NDGS provided pricing for collection of recyclables in both Town-provided and vendor-provided containers.

We have tried to minimize changes to the recycling program, as it has worked well over the last 5 years. The switch to containers instead of bags is beyond the Town’s control. The problem with collecting recyclable material in bags is the bags. The bags create an additional hurdle in the recycling process, as the bags have to be removed from the recycling stream. The bags become tangled in the machines used in the process, which requires additional work by the vendor to remove the bags. Thus, when we switch to containers, it is important to remember to place the material in the container, but not the bags!

Special points of interest:

- Oct 16 Town Council Meeting
- Oct 17 Early voting begins
- Nov 6 General Election
- Nov 12 Town Hall Closed
- Nov 20 Town Council Meeting
- Nov 22-23 Town Hall Closed
NO GARBAGE
- Dec 2 Christmas Parade 3pm

The recycling program will remain the same, other than the switch to containers and keeping bags out of the containers. Recycling will still be picked up by NDGS on every Monday, and containers should be at the curb by 7:00 a.m. The only holiday impacting the recycling schedule is Christmas Day, and the next Christmas Day on a Monday is in 2023 - after this contract ends. There may be rare occasions that the material cannot be picked up due to severe weather conditions. The acceptable material list has not been changed, however, we intend to provide an additional public service mailer in the upcoming weeks to clarify the program and serve as a quick reference guide.

Recycling Containers

The Town of Jamestown negotiated the new recycling contract with North Davidson Garbage Service (NDGS) to allow two different types of recycling containers. The Town recognized that some of the single family attached housing in town cannot effectively use roll out bins, thus, we have a provision in the contract to allow those residents to use an open bin.

After numerous discussions and negotiations, the Town of Jamestown selected a 65 gallon cart to be picked up weekly. The most popular recycling container statewide appears to be 95 (or 96) gallon containers. Those 95 gallon containers are typically picked up once every two weeks. Statistically, in North Carolina approximately 62% of recycling programs collecting with carts use 95 gallon containers and 26% use 65 gallon containers. Similarly, approximately 58% of the programs pick up bi-weekly and 38% pick up weekly. We feel that the careful considerations of Town Council and staff has Jamestown poised for a successful recycling program tailored for our needs.



RECYCLING
WILL BE
PICKED UP
EVERY
MONDAY
DURING
2018!

In addition to the standard cart, we negotiated the use of bins for certain neighborhoods with single family attached homes. The areas include Riverwalk, Quarterpath Trace, and Channel Cove. In each of those developments there are units that: may not be on an end; may not have a garage; and/or may not be accessible around the building. NDGS and the other bidders expressed concern that we limit the use of bins for several reasons, such as:

- Bins do not provide any protection from rain, snow, sleet, or wind.
- Bins do not hold as much volume.
- Large items, like cardboard, may not fit well in bins. Cardboard may be flattened and be placed under the bin.
- Bins slow the collection process.

Thus, NDGS will only pick up bins in those above mentioned locations where the use of carts would be problematic.

TO BAG OR NOT TO BAG

Please do not place plastic bags in the recycling container – it will not be picked up.



Staff is learning that one of the more difficult challenges in switching to recycling collection in containers is to inform citizens that **plastic bags should not be placed in the recycling containers.** Recycling material should be placed in the container loose, clean, and dry. The roll out carts should keep the elements away from the material. Material in the bins will not have that protection from the elements. In any case, recycling material should be placed in the container loose, and **plastic bags should not be placed in the container.**

Plastic bags can typically be recycled at grocery stores, but **plastic bags are not recyclable in the Town of Jamestown Recycling Program.**



Materials Our Recycling Program Accepts

There are no changes to the types of materials that may be recycled as we transition from collection of recyclable material in bags to collection in carts and bins. It is useful to frequently review what materials may be recycled, and which materials are prohibited. Materials that are collected, but cannot be recycled, are disposed of as waste by the recycler. A summary will be included later, but please consider:

- If the item is made of different types of materials, it may not be recyclable as it cannot be easily sorted. An example is a coat hanger with a cardboard sleeve. Both materials are recyclable, but they cannot be processed as one item.
- If the item is dirty, oily, or contains food. If the item cannot be reasonably cleaned and dried, it probably will not be recycled.
- Wiry items cannot be recycled under this program. Those old Christmas lights that don't work have some copper in them, but the stringy nature of the item prevents them from being recyclable under our program.
- Please rinse out and remove all lids.



The following items are recyclable under our program:

- Paper products
- Aluminum cans
- Plastic containers
- Junk mail
- Food or beverage cartons (dairy, soy, and almond milk; juice; soup; broth; wine; etc.)
- Metal cans
- Cardboard (if large, please break down and set under or beside container)
- Aerosol cans if empty AND do not contain the orange hazard symbol
- Glass bottles
- Magazines and Phone books

The following items should **not** be recycled under this program:

- Styrofoam plates and cups
- Food waste and residue
- Shredded paper
- Liquids
- Hazardous products

There are other materials that **cannot** be recycled and cannot be picked up with garbage collection. Some of these items include:

- Household hazardous waste
- Wood
- Construction Debris
- Liquid paint
- Tires
- TVs, monitors and electronics
- Batteries
- Used motor oil

Please contact Guilford County or visit their interactive website for information regarding disposing of these items. That website is: <https://www.guilfordcountync.gov/our-county/planning-development/environmental-services/interactive-waste-disposal-guide>.

Feel free to contact the Town of Jamestown at 336 454-1138 for information also.

Placing the Container at the Curb for Pickup

Recycling containers should be placed at the curb on Mondays by 7:00 a.m. There are a few recommendations to make the collection process easier. Most importantly, the container should be placed where it is free from obstructions such as parked cars, mailboxes, and trees for at least 3 feet. This will also make the container more visible. Please place carts in the gutter with the handle out toward the street. NDGS will be picking up containers manually, so this simple cart orientation saves steps, time, and wear and tear on the cart. Please see the included photo.

Carts should also be completely closed to limit impacts from rain, wind, snow, and sleet. Please consider weather conditions when placing bins at the street, as the material is subject to wind and rain. There is no effective solution to protect the bins, so please exercise your best judgment based on the weather – perhaps delay placing cardboard and paper out until the next Monday.

Delivery of Your New Container

The Town of Jamestown will be delivering your new container to your address near the end of November. We are awaiting a schedule from North Davidson Garbage Service (NDGS) to confirm delivery times from the manufacturer. This is a new process for staff, but we intend to drive to each address, assemble the cart, document the serial number of the cart and place the cart at the curb. Carts have unique serial number and will be assigned to each address. We do not know what day we will be at any particular place, and we anticipate the delivery process will take about a week.

We will do our best to update customers of the delivery dates via the Town webpage, Facebook and other correspondences. As always, fell free to contact the Town at 336.454.1138.



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Fire Department

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**Call 336.454.1138
for an appointment
with the Mayor**

Upcoming Events

- Oct 8 6:30pm Planning Board Meeting
- Oct 16 6:30pm Town Council Meeting
- Oct 17 7:00sm Early voting begins
- Nov 6 General Election (questions Guilford County 336.641.3836)
- Nov 12 Town Hall Closed for Veterans Day
- Nov 20 6:30pm Town Council Meeting
- Nov 22-23 Town Hall Closed for Thanksgiving
- Dec 2 3:00pm Christmas Parade sponsored by Rotary Club

Check the "[Calendar of Events](#)" section of the website for updates

PINECROFT SEDGEFIELD

The Pinecroft Sedgefield Fire District will begin their semi-annual fire hydrant testing on October 1st and will continue this operation throughout the month, finishing by October 31st. All hydrants in the Pinecroft Sedgefield Fire District will be tested to ensure that they are operating properly and are able to produce the required water pressure when needed. This testing also includes all hydrants in the Town of Jamestown.



Because this testing must be done during normal operating hours, it will be impossible to know in advance just when or where the testing will take place in any specific area. Opening hydrants can sometimes cause a temporary discoloration of water in nearby homes. The discoloration is not harmful in any way and can be cleared up by running the water for a few minutes.

This testing ensures the protection of citizens and is also an evaluation indicator used by the NC Response Rating System, which evaluates the fire district according to the protection they offer .