

Curbside Recycling Is HERE in Verona!

By now you should be no longer wondering why someone delivered a wheeled recycling container to your house. As stated in the last issue of the newsletter, recent mailings and flyers, due to overwhelming response to the drop off recycling, Verona has now entered the curbside recycling world similar to all the communities surrounding the borough. Starting September 6th and continuing every other Friday thereafter, everyone should be placing their carts at the curb in the same area as your garbage cans for pick up.

If you lift the lid of the container that was delivered, there is a card that has in depth instructions on what you can or cannot recycle and has a great calendar with the recycling dates highlighted. A good place for this card would be on your refrigerator so that you could refer to this as needed.

Each cart delivered has a unique serial number and is **dedicated to the house** address and remains with the house if someone moves to a new address.

This article will help to explain some of the frequently asked questions regarding what you should or should not recycle.

Billing and Costs

- Everyone should be aware that, WM Inc. is offering a 5% discount on your refuse bill if you pay yearly versus quarterly. This could amount to a savings of over \$10. Please contact Waste Management Inc., at (800) 458- 4090 for further information.
- You do not pay extra if you and your family recycle. Better yet, the Borough will be rewarded from the PA DEP for every ton of material that we all recycle. That money can help to support other community programs for Verona residents. So, the more you recycle, the more you and the community will benefit!

What you CAN or Cannot place in the recycling bin?

For specifics see the information sheet that was attached to the inside of your container but here are some clarifications that should help us all be better recyclers. As a general rule no food –soiled recyclables should be placed in the bin unless wiped or rinsed.

- **Paper Products**
 - Acceptable material includes: **Newspaper, phonebooks, magazines, cardboard, office paper and junkmail**

What about **pizza boxes**? The answer is yes as long as it does not have any food in it.

However, **NO laminated paper, of any kind**, is acceptable.

- **Glass Product**
 - Only food and beverage containers that are clean can be placed in the bin. Any color is acceptable.

Peanut butter jars? Yes as long as they are wiped clean.

What about labels? They can remain on the jar.

- **Plastics**

- **Food, beverage, shampoo, milk jugs, laundry bottles etc. with the (recycling symbol Δ) numbers 1-7 (located in a triangle usually on the bottom of the container. See below:**



Do I need to take the lids off water bottles? It is best either to take the lids off or crush the bottle and put the lid on to save space.

- **Metals**

- **Aluminum, tin, steel or metal food or beverage containers.**
- As stated can labels DO NOT have to be remove.

- **What Materials are NOT accepted?**

- **Foam cups, containers and shipping materials**
- **Plastic bags(these can be recycled at grocery stores or Target0**
- **Plastic take-out containers**
- **Plastic Plates, cutlery or straws**
- **Plastic Food Wrap**
- **Greasy sharp metal**
- **Food-soiled Recyclables**
- **Clothing**
- **Broken office supplies**
- **Ceramic and broken glass**
- **Fluorescent bulbs or tubes(Check out www.earth911.org for places to take these)**
- **Incandescent light bulbs**
- **Electronic Waste (Check out Good will or earth 911.org)**

As a special note, the a fundraiser **Paper Recycling bins** for Troop 139, Riverview Children's Center and Verner Elementary, along with **the single stream drop off bins** and for now **the aluminum cans' trailer** will remain. These will continue to provide a recycling option for businesses, apartments and others who do not have the option of curbside recycling carts.

If you have further questions about Verona recycling please contact:

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 Verona Borough Manager @ **(412) 828-8080**