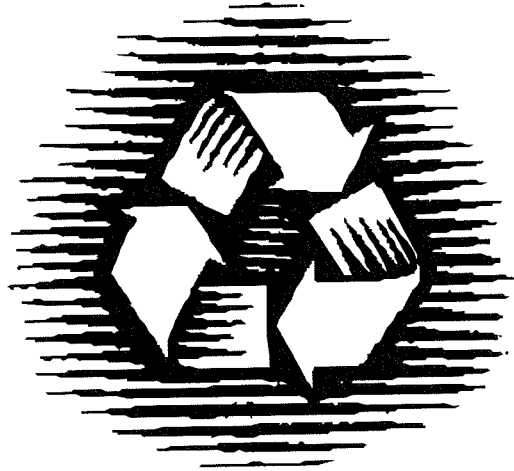


Don't trash these recyclables!

Put all this into your recycling cart!

- **Newspapers/
Brown Paper Bags**
- **Magazines/Catalogs**
- **Telephone/
Soft Cover Books**



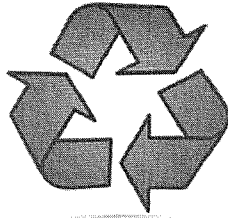
- **Junk Mail/Envelopes**
- **Paper (shredding)**
- **Cardboard**
- **Paperboard
(cereal/tissue boxes)**
- **Narrow-Neck Plastic Bottles
(milk jugs, bleach, detergent,
shampoo bottles — but no lids)**
- **Plastic Grocery Bags**
- **Glass Bottles/Jars (any color)**
- **Metal Cans (tin/steel/aluminum)**

RECYCLE

Help the City Save Green by Going Green!

Last year, New Castle City residents saved more than \$14,000 by recycling 230 tons of materials. That is great, but we can do much better!

There are just over 800 recycling carts currently deployed in the City – that's less than half the households. The City is encouraging everyone to do their part for the environment and to help the bottom line of the City budget by recycling.



City officials urge anyone who has not yet signed up for recycling to contact the City to get a recycling cart, by calling 322-9801. Until mid-June, carts will be provided to customers free of charge and delivered by the Delaware Solid Waste Authority (DSWA).

Governor Markell has introduced major recycling legislation. Some key parts of the proposal for New Castle City include:

- The DSWA shall cease providing curbside collection services.
- All single-family residential customers shall receive a wheeled cart for the purpose of storage and collection of recyclables.
- The DSWA is required to accept from municipalities at no charge recycled materials. It should be noted, however, that this item in the legislation is subject to change in the future, after the legislation is adopted.

The legislation contains various deadlines for the requirements, however the City of New Castle is already ahead of the curve in complying with the proposed law. Not only that, but upcoming changes relative to City solid waste collection, including trash and recyclables, are predicted to provide significant savings for City taxpayers.

At the end of June, the DSWA contract to collect recyclables in the City will expire. For the future, City forces will take over these responsibilities.

When the City bid the recycling contract last year, the lowest quote from a private vendor to provide these services was more than \$20,000 annually. With the City moving this service in-house, that amount is saved in the City budget.

That savings will be realized by the City changing from collecting trash twice per week to once-a-week collection each for trash and recycling. The net impact to residents remains collection of solid waste twice per week, however separated each collection day, alternating between trash and recycling.

The City is also increasing the number of cans which will be collected on trash days, from two to four, so the net trash collection per week remains four cans. For the 800-plus residents, however, who currently recycle, they report significantly decreased trash discarded from their households as a result of actively participating in the curbside recycling program.

Of course, the more materials City residents recycle, the greater the savings to the City in avoiding tipping fees for trash at the landfill. This alone is a significant incentive, however is even more imperative considering a 40 percent increase looming in the tipping fee charged by the DSWA, effective July 1.

Look for a mailing in June from the City with all the details on the changes and how they will work, including what days to put out trash and recycling for collection.