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NEW RECYCLING PROCEDURES COMING TO DELAWARE CITY FOR ALL RESIDENTS

On June 8, 2010, Delaware State Senate Bill 234 was signed into law and requires that Delaware City provide curbside recycling collection to ALL residents. The State of Delaware, and Delaware City, know the importance of reducing the amount of solid waste disposal at the landfills and recovering usable materials from solid waste so as to minimize the environmental impact.

It is in the public's best interest for the State to develop a comprehensive statewide system of recycling and resource recovery which maximizes the amount of solid waste materials which can be recovered, reused, or converted to beneficial use.

The law mandates that Delaware City provide both a recycling container and single stream curbside recycling services. Single stream means that all recycling materials: newspaper; clear, green, brown glass; steel and aluminum cans; and corrugated boxes, can be placed into a single container. Since 2002, Delaware City has provided **free** curbside recycling service to interested residents. The difference is now the law requires Delaware City to deliver a recycling cart to **ALL** single-family residential customers for the purpose of collecting recyclables. The purpose is to encourage all residents to recycle and Delaware City is pleased to do our part to have a positive impact on our environment.

Stay tuned for more information on the new recycling procedures. If you have any questions at this time please contact Kathy Clifton at Town Hall 302-834-4573 or email her at kclifton@ci.delaware-city.de.us.

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WHY RECYCLE?

By recycling, we are taking responsibility for the waste we generate. We become part of the waste **solution** instead of the problem. By recycling you are helping the environment and the City.

Some Recycling Facts:

Recycling helps prolong the life of our landfills.

Recycling reduces the City's waste disposal costs.

Recycling helps save energy.

Recycling helps conserve natural resources.

Recycling helps reduce pollution.

WHAT ELSE CAN I DO TO HELP THE ENVIRONMENT?

-Buy products that are made from recycled materials, reuse the products as much as possible then recycle them after they have served their purpose!

-Donate usable items to charity or those in need (clothing, books, household items).

-When you cut your grass, leave the clippings on the lawn. They break down and return nutrients to the soil.

-Compost your leaves, grass clippings, garden trimmings and kitchen scraps. Use the compost as a soil additive in your garden and on your lawn.

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