

# DELAWARE CITY RECYCLES

## Curbside Recycling Program

### INFORMATION AND FACTS

#### **Why Recycle?**

By recycling, we are taking responsibility for the waste we generate. We become part of the waste *solution* instead of part of the *problem*. By subscribing to the Delaware City Free Curbside Recycling Program you help the environment *and* help the City sustain the service in the long run!

#### **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

*And remember – in order to complete the recycling circle, you need to purchase items that contain recycled content. Buy recycled materials.*

#### **Why Subscribe to Curbside Recycling in Delaware City?**

##### ***It's cost free***

With the assistance of a Recycling Assistance Grant from the Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control (DNREC), Delaware City can start up and provide its residents with a service that benefits them personally by holding down landfill disposal fees.

##### ***It's convenient***

Recycling pick-up will be every Monday, along with the weekly trash pick-up.

##### ***It's easy***

Subscribers sign for and receive two tubs on loan from Delaware City to use *for recycling only*.  
One tub for newspapers and magazines  
One tub for narrow-neck plastics, colored and clear glass, and tin and steel cans.

*Place your recycling tubs at the curb by 7 am Monday morning, and we do the rest!*

**Fact:** Recycled items are fast overtaking virgin material for many common items such as 2-liter Coke bottles, Kodak film boxes, and McDonald's carry out bags. It's easy to buy recycled items and close the recycling loop.

# WHAT MATERIALS WILL BE COLLECTED?

## **NEWSPAPERS, MAGAZINES AND TELEPHONE BOOKS**

Does *not* include office paper or junk mail flyer inserts

**Fact:** Every ton of paper that gets recycled saves 4100 kilowatts of energy, 7000 gallons of water and 3 cubic yards of landfill space!

## **GLASS CONTAINERS**

Clear, brown and green glass

**Fact:** Producing glass from recycled containers instead of raw materials reduces related air pollution by up to 20% and water pollution by up to 50%.

## **PLASTIC BOTTLES**

Narrow-neck only such as 2-liter soda or milk containers

**Fact:** Plastics are made from petroleum – a limited, nonrenewable resource. Americans use 4 million plastic bottles every hour, and only 1 out of 4 get recycled!

## **ALUMINUM AND STEEL CANS**

**Fact:** The energy saved by recycling one aluminum can, will operate a television set for three hours!

## **CORRUGATED BOXES**

Only boxes with the wavy line in the middle. No pasteboard (i.e. cereal boxes, 12 pack drink boxes). Please flatten and stack to the side.

**Fact:** Americans use 50 million tons of paper each year, consuming over 850 million trees.

## **What Else Can I Do to Help the Environment? Reduce, Reuse, Recycle**

- Buy products that are made from recycled materials, reuse 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.

**Have questions? Contact Town Hall at 834-4573**

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