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Dear Greendale Recycling Customer;

This letter contains additional information. The Village of Greendale is pleased to announce a change to our curbside recycling program by beginning the use of 95 gallon recycling carts. The change is in response to requests from citizens for larger recycling containers, and the fact that the Village's curbside recycling program collects less recyclables per capita than many of our neighboring communities. The Village currently collects approximately 155 pounds of recyclable material per capita, whereas some of our nearby communities collect as much as 283 pounds per capita. Increasing recycling results in more income from the sale of recycled material and reduces expenses paid for dumping material into a landfill, which could have been recycled.

The Village ran a pilot program over a 2 month period using recycling carts in a small section of the community. The recycled material from the households in the pilot program was weighed each time and compared to the weight of a pre-cart recycling collection week. That area saw a significant increase in recycled materials collected during the trial. The Village expects to see a significant increase in collection of recyclable materials with the Village-wide use of recycling carts.

If for some reason you feel the 95 gallon cart size would be a hardship for you, you may opt out of receiving the 95 gallon cart and receive a smaller 65 gallon cart. The 65 gallon is shorter with a slightly smaller footprint (samples of each are available for viewing at the Village Hall). In order to receive a 65 gallon cart, you must fill out the form on the back of this letter and either send or deliver it to Village Hall. Village Hall is open week days from 7:30 AM until 4:30 PM. There is also a drop box in the Village Hall parking lot where the form can be deposited, which is accessible 24 hours per day. The forms are due no later than June 8, 2018.

Recycling carts will be delivered to each household. Delivery of carts will begin later this summer. Once carts are delivered, you will no longer be able to use the blue bins except if you receive a disability, hardship or special circumstance accommodation as outlined below. Once you receive your recycling cart, the Village will recycle your blue bin if you place it out next to your recycling cart on your next recycling collection day.

More information about the Village's recycling cart initiative will be included in the next Village newsletter.

The Village of Greendale is committed to providing access, equal opportunity and reasonable accommodation in its services, programs, activities, and employment for individuals with disabilities. To request a disability, hardship or special circumstance accommodation in order to continue to use the blue bin, please contact me at (414) 423-2100 x3110.

Sincerely,

Todd Michaels
Village Manager

Below are answers to some common questions we have received about the recycling carts:

Do I have to keep my recycling cart in my garage?

Recycling carts (and trash carts/containers) are not required to be kept in an enclosed structure. Village ordinance requires them be screened from public view, but they may be stored outside.

What size are the carts?

A recycling cart is being delivered to all single and two family residences. Even if you don't think you will fill the recycling cart all the way, you may find the larger size useful during certain times of the year, and you may choose to put it out for collection less often. The dimensions of the 95 gallon cart are height: 45.2", width: 28.5", depth 33.8" and the dimensions of the 65 gallon cart are height: 40.6", width: 26.7", depth: 28.1".

Do we have to use the new cart?

Yes, unless you receive a disability, hardship or special circumstance accommodation from the village to continue using the blue bin. The Village intends to maximize the amount of recyclable materials collected. The Federal Environmental Protection Agency estimates that up to 75% of our waste is recyclable, but only 30% is recycled. Collecting more recyclable materials saves the Village money. The Village pays fees based on the tonnage of waste disposed of at the landfill. The Village also receives income from the sale of material that is recycled. Below is a list of all the items that may be placed in the cart for recycling.

ITEMS THAT CAN BE RECYCLED USING CURBSIDE SINGLE STREAM RECYCLING

- Aluminum cans & clean aluminum foil
- Tin cans, steel cans, aerosol cans, empty/dried paint cans
- Glass bottles and jars
- #1 - #7 plastic bottles or jogs
- Milk cartons, juice boxes, soup cartons
- Mixed paper, newspaper, magazines, books, mail, school/office paper
- Brown corrugated cardboard (flattened)
- Brown paper bags
- Shredded paper (should be placed in a bag)

The following items are not part of single stream recycling, but some may be able to be recycled elsewhere: household hazardous waste, styrofoam, plastic shopping bags, construction materials, clothing and electronics. The Village's Recycling Center does accept electronics and clothing (textile recycling), but those items may not be placed in your curbside recycling cart.

Form to choose the 65 gallon recycling cart

As referenced in the letter if you feel use of a 95 gallon cart would be a hardship for you, please fill out the form below to opt out of the 95 gallon recycling cart and receive a 65 gallon recycling cart:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

The form must be filled out by the property owner. Please sign below:

Signature: _____

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