



# Winfield Recycling Program Information

The Village of Winfield and Waste Management are pleased to announce that the current contract has been enhanced to include a cart for each household's recycling. A separate mailing with information on refuse cart options will be sent shortly.

Beginning the week of January 13, 2014, Waste Management will provide a 64-gallon wheeled cart to each household for recycling. Each cart features a hinged lid that will keep recycling materials contained and keep your neighborhood clean.

The use of a wheeled cart for recycling collection provides several benefits for residents. First, the hinged lids contain the materials and are effective at keeping animals from spilling debris. Second, the cart is easy to use. Each cart also has durable wheels for easy handling, plus they are sturdier on windy days. So residents should feel comfortable setting their cart out the night before collection without having to worry about animal pilferage or wind. Finally, the use of a cart is proven to increase recycling.

# FAQ?

## **Who will receive the cart?**

Village of Winfield residents covered by the current refuse and recycling agreement who reside in incorporated Winfield will each receive a 64-gallon recycling cart. If you want a smaller 35 gallon cart, please complete and mail the enclosed card by December 13, 2013.

## **Who owns the cart?**

Waste Management owns the carts and is responsible for the general maintenance. In the event that a resident moves, the cart should be left at the home for the next resident.

## **How will the program be communicated?**

The Village and Waste Management will jointly communicate the new program to the residents through direct mail and other media. Communication of the program will be ongoing throughout the process.

## **What if the cart breaks or is damaged?**

If the cart breaks due to normal wear or tear, Waste Management will repair or replace the cart. Residents can call 800-796-9696, Monday through Friday from 7:00 am to 5:30 pm for routine repairs or exchanges. Carts that become damaged through misuse or negligence will be replaced at the homeowner's expense.

## **What can be placed in the carts?**

The new recycling cart will allow residents to co-mingle all of their recycling into one container. There is no need to separate items. Please do not mix refuse in the recycling cart because it will contaminate the recycling. The recycling center only accepts the items listed on the top of the cart. Please do not put other items in the cart as that can make all the materials unacceptable.

## **What should I do with my old recycling bin?**

Waste Management requests that you use your new green recycling cart with the yellow lid first. You may use your bins in addition to the carts on occasions when you have extra material. If you have an old container that you no longer want, Waste Management will pick up unwanted bins the week of Feb. 10, 2014. Simply write, "PLEASE TAKE" on the container and it will be picked up on your service day.

## **How will the carts be distributed?**

Waste Management will be delivering new carts the week of January 13, 2014. The distribution will take approximately two weeks.

## **Where will residents place the carts on collection day?**

Since Waste Management will be utilizing semi-automated equipment to service the cart, the cart should be placed no more than 1 to 3 feet from the curb or street with the cart wheels and handle facing away from the curb. Carts should not be placed next to mailboxes, trees, light poles or parked cars.

## **What will happen to residents currently renting a recycling cart?**

The monthly rental fees will be stopped for residents currently renting a recycling or refuse cart when the new program begins. Residents currently renting recycling carts can keep the cart they have.

**The Village of Winfield recycling program is a result of a partnership between the Village and Waste Management. If you have any questions or require further information, please call Waste Management at 800-796-9696, Monday through Friday from 7 am to 5:30 pm.**

