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## **WEST LIBERTY SOLID WASTE / RECYCLING PROGRAM**

The City of West Liberty is rolled out its curbside single stream recycling program August 1, 2018. Garbage rates will remain the same, but there was a monthly recycling fee added to monthly utility bills in the amount of \$3.50. City of West Liberty customers will receive a wheeled-bin container for their recycling.

### **CARTS**

Carts are gray with green lid carts are 95 gallons. This is the industry standard for every-other-week collection.

Please empty and rinse containers and place all recyclables into your cart loosely and be sure to break down all cardboard boxes. No need to sort your items with single stream, place recyclables in your bin and just place your recycling bin at the curb. Recyclables will be picked up at the curbside on a Wednesday bi-weekly basis (every other week).



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### **SOLID WASTE PROGRAM**

The current programs include weekly garbage, seasonal brush and Christmas tree pickups along with seasonal curbside leaf vacuuming. We hold a spring community clean up where we will accept all items at a drop off point for all our customers at no additional cost, with the exception of electronics. We will pick up large items and electronics at the same fee (no added cost) as if you were to haul them to the landfill yourself. We also provide a large commercial dumpster drop off service competitive to any private hauling service for special pickup.

### **WHY IS A FEE BEING ADDED?**

The City had been previously operating a community drop off recycling center. The service was very antiquated, continually being used as a dump site and becoming expensive to maintain through numerous weekly trips to the bulk recycling drop-off in Davenport, to keep up with demand. In 2016 a survey of customers and residents was conducted, 83% of those who responded stated they would like curbside recycling. Implementing the recycling program would require several costly additions to the Solid Waste Operations.

To be the most cost effective and efficient the City would need a collection point for all the recycling collected, which meant a building. The garbage trucks being used for previous operations were in very poor condition and required two and most of the time, three employees to operate safely. An automated truck was purchased requiring one and occasionally two personnel. A bulk material handling trailer was purchased and a telehandler to load the material at the building site. Finally, containers were purchased to facilitate the curbside pickup to each household and business customer. The \$3.50 fee will allow us to continue to operate all of our services, as we have in the past, plus add the luxury of curbside recycling to the program. Ultimately, our goal is to see a decrease in garbage fees through reduced landfill fees and pass along the savings to our customers.



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**WHAT GOES IN?**

**ACCEPTABLE PAPER PRODUCTS**

Newspaper	Office paper	Catalogs
Magazines	Phonebooks	Cereal boxes
Shoe boxes	Corrugated cardboard	Shredded paper
Paper egg cartons	Tissue boxes	Mail
Snack boxes	Pop cartons	Paperback books
Greeting cards (no metallics)	Hardback books (covers removed)	Toilet paper/paper towel rolls
Gable Top Container (Orange Juice or Milk Carton)	Cans for chips and nuts (e.g. Pringles)	

**ACCEPTABLE CONTAINERS**

Plastics #1-#7 such as those from:		
Cleaners	Food containers	Bleach
Milk	Cooking oils	Pill bottles
Cosmetics & lotions	Shampoo & conditioner	Soft drinks
Detergents	Flower pots	Water or juice
Metal		
Aluminum cans	Aluminum pie plates	Aluminum foil
Tin food/beverage cans	Coffee cans	
Glass		
Beer bottles	Juice containers	Food containers
Pop bottles	Wine and liquor bottles	

**WHAT DOES NOT GO IN?**

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NOT ACCEPTED	WHY?
Styrofoam	In order to add additional materials to the recycling program there must be 3 solid markets within a 300-mile radius of Davenport. In short, these items cannot be accepted from residents if there is not an end user willing to purchase them.
Plastic bags	These can be recycled, but through a separate process. Recycle them at area stores.



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NOT ACCEPTED	WHY?
Items with food residue or grease stains Gift wrap, greeting cards with metallic designs	These items contaminate the recycling process.
Large quantities (dozen or more) of bound books and text books	West Liberty Recycling Center does not have the equipment to recycle high quantities of bound books. Midland Davis Recycling in Moline accepts bound books. Call (309) 764-6723 for more information.
Mirror/window glass, crystal, drinking glass, ceramics, ovenware, light bulbs	The combination of ingredients used to make these products is different from what goes into container glass. This type of glass can pose a threat to workers & equipment at the recycling center.
Aerosol cans	Aerosol cans (empty or otherwise) can be considered hazardous.
Metal building materials or scraps	This type of metal can be recycled through a local metal recycler.

**Every container will have a photo on the cart lid. If it's on the lid, it goes in!**

RECYCLING ONLY



glass bottles  
& jars



plastic bottles  
& jugs



paper &  
cardboard



aluminum  
& steel cans

empty & rinse containers • flatten all boxes • no trash, yard waste, or plastic bags



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**ABOUT THE PROGRAM**

West Liberty partners with the Scott Area Recycling Center in Davenport and the State of Iowa through Solid Waste Alternative Program.

The City of West Liberty will not profit from the additional monthly fee, this cost is passed on to help cover the expenses of the program. Additionally, with the community's commitment to the program if we can reduce waste at the landfill and reduce solid waste costs to our community we can reduce the overall cost of the Solid Waste.

If you have more questions please feel free to contact:  
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