



City of Wisconsin Rapids
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July 1, 2016

Dear City Residential Property Owner,

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that the City will be changing its recycling program on January 3, 2017 to a single stream, automated process. This means there is no need to separate paper from other types of recyclables and the recycling cart is picked up directly by an arm on the recycling truck. This service should be more convenient for property owners, safer for collection operators, prevent accidental littering from recyclable materials blowing out of bins and out of the recycling truck, and result in more materials being recycled. To address potential questions and concerns, a frequently asked questions flyer is attached that should help explain the changes and what to expect from the new program.

The City will be delivering a 96 gallon recycling cart on wheels and with an attached lid to your developed property this fall at no direct cost to you. Due to requests for options by residents, the City is offering an option of delivering a smaller, 48 gallon cart; however, unless you have a specific need for a smaller cart, I highly recommend using the standard 96 gallon cart. Even though it sounds big, the 96 gallon cart is very easy to maneuver and will allow you to place large amounts of recyclables without having to even break the item down into a more compact size. In the future, the City will likely be changing to automated garbage collection and will limit the amount of garbage that can be collected, so having an adequate recycling capacity may become a greater priority for you in the near future.

Examples of the carts are on display in the lobby of City Hall, at 444 West Grand Ave. Both the 96 and 48 gallon carts are completely loaded full of recyclables and you are encouraged to come to City Hall, take a look, and feel free to move them around before you make your decision.

If you wish to use the 96 gallon cart you do not need to do anything and a cart will be delivered to your property. If you wish to downsize to the 48 gallon cart at no cost, please fill out the form and return it to Judy Valazquez at City Garage, 1411 Chase Street by 3:00 pm, July 31, 2016. If any change is requested after July 31, 2016, the resident will be charged for the container.

I would like to thank you for your patience as the City transitions to this type of service.

Very truly yours,

Joseph M. Terry, P.E.
Director of Public Works

Request to use a 48 gallon cart rather than a 96 gallon cart for recyclables

I hereby request the City to deliver a 48 gallon recycling cart in lieu of the standard 96 gallon cart at no additional cost.

I understand that beginning on January 1, 2017 I am limited to one cart of recyclable materials in a two week collection period and, that all recyclable materials must be placed in the cart supplied by the City with the lid closed, and that a 48 gallon cart will be sufficient for my recyclable materials.

I further understand that if I wish to change the size of my cart after July 31, 2016, I will be charged a fee for the cart, which is currently \$55.00.

I further understand that this form must be received by the City Street Department staff by 3:00 pm July 31, 2016 as follows:

**City of Wisconsin Rapids Street Department
Attn: Judy Velazquez
1411 Chase Street
Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54495**

Name _____
(please print)

Address _____

Phone Number _____

Signature _____