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Last Week of Weekly Curbside Recycling Collection in Craven County

Craven County, N.C. – The last week Craven County will provide weekly curbside recycling collection using the 18 gallon recycling bins is Monday, September 30, 2019 through Friday, October 4, 2019. Monthly curbside recycling collection will begin on Monday, October 7, 2019 using the 95 gallon roll carts. Recyclables placed in any container other than the 95 gallon roll cart will not be picked up after October 4, 2019.

Waste Industries dba GFL has created an interactive schedule for residents to look up recycling collection dates by address. The interactive schedule can be found at www.cravenrecycles.com and is listed in the menu as Recycling Pickup Schedule App. Areas of Craven County have been organized into zones and each zone is assigned a color. Each residence participating in curbside recycling will be assigned a zone color and a pickup day of the week. The zone color and the pickup day of the week are stamped onto the top of the recycling cart.

Residents are encouraged to keep their current 18 gallon recycle bins and to repurpose them; though the curbside recycling service will not pick up recyclables from the old containers after October 4, 2019. "The old recycle bins can be extremely useful for storing smaller amounts of recyclables to later be placed into the larger roll carts. They can also be used for a temporary recycle container during backyard cookouts or for storing items in the garage," stated Amber Parker, Craven County Human Resources Director. "Due to the size and rigidity of the plastic bin, they cannot be recycled with the company that accepts Craven County's recycled materials."

Residents who do not wish to keep their current 18 gallon recycle bins are encouraged to give them to friends or neighbors who can use them or to drop them off at one of Craven County's seven convenience sites for other residents to repurpose. Residents also have the option of placing unwanted empty 18 gallon recycle bins curbside for pickup on regular trash collection days.

Residents who do not wish to participate in the curbside recycling program can contact Waste Industries/GFL at 252-638-1366 and request the cart to be picked up; however, the \$60.00 annual fee on the Craven County tax bill will still apply.

The new curbside recycle program in Craven County will affect all of Craven County and its municipalities except for Bridgeton, which manages its own curbside recycling pickup.

The new recycle carts have a white hot stamp on the lid to help educate residents about what is, and what is not, recyclable. “A large part of the problem with the recycling industry is residents are unknowingly contaminating mixed recyclables with items that should not be in the recycle bins such as plastic bags. This causes an increased price for material recovery facilities to sort and process recyclables,” stated Rusty Cotton, Craven County Solid Waste Director. “Just because an item says it is recyclable does not mean it can be recycled through Craven County’s recycling program. If a market for certain recyclables does not exist, then there is not a place to send them other than the landfill.”

Residents who have not received the new 95 gallon lime green and black recycling roll cart by September 28 should call Waste Industries/GFL at 252-638-1366 to request one.

The recycling roll carts are the property of Waste Industries/GFL and each residence is permitted to have one 95 gallon roll cart for recyclables to be collected each month under the program provided by Craven County. Residents wishing to have additional curbside recycling services provided can establish a private service with Waste Industries/GFL after October 7, 2019.

All recyclable materials to be picked up must be contained within the 95 gallon roll cart and the lid to the cart must be able to close fully or the automated pick up system on the new Waste Industries/GFL recycling trucks will not be able to collect the recyclables. All recyclables should be rinsed and free of food remnants and all cardboard boxes must be broken down or cut down to fit within the container so the lid will close.

Residents who produce more recyclables than a 95 gallon roll cart will hold each month have the option of taking those recyclables to one of Craven County’s seven convenience centers at no charge.

Craven County’s curbside recycling program accepts aluminum cans, newspapers with inserts, mixed paper, clear/green/brown glass, #1 PETE clear plastic, #2 HDPE natural plastic, rigid plastic bottles with the neck smaller than the body of the container (except motor oil and pesticide containers), corrugated cardboard cut down to no larger than 2’ x 3’ and steel/tin cans.

For additional information visit www.cravenrecycles.com.

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