

PRESS RELEASE



The Washington County Solid Waste District, "District" has entered into a new contract for the Residential Garbage and Residential Curbside BluCan Recycling programs. These new contracts will go into effect starting February 1, 2021. The pickup service for garbage and curbside recycling will remain the same, once a week for garbage and every other week for recycling. After three years, the District can review the recycling program for sustainability and determine if the program will continue.

Residential BluCan Curbside Recycling

The District contracts with La Verkin City and other cities and towns within Washington County to provide their residents with garbage and recycling services. All cities collect fees from residents and remit back to the District.

The recycling program lowers the long run costs of garbage collection by lowering the city's relative garbage contribution. In the first year of the recycling program, the residents have recycled over 2 million pounds of material that would have ended up in the landfill. Recycling is also an environmentally responsible activity. It saves natural resources, saves energy, reduces the need for landfill space, and lowers the need to use toxic chemicals.

Opt Out Program. For a limited time only

The District is authorizing the City to offer a one-time opt out of the BluCan recycling program. This Opt Out program will only last 90-days, starting September 1, 2020 and run until midnight on November 30, 2020. Those residents already opted out of the recycling program will remain opted out.

How to find out if you are already opted out of the Recycling Program

Check your current status by reviewing your City utility bill for a recycling charge of \$3.12. If you don't see the charge for the service, then you are already opted out of the program. Those residents that choose to opt out at this time will need to complete an opt out application form found on the City's website and mail, email or bring in the city office during working hours and drop of to the front desk before the deadline.



Since inception, the District has been subsidizing the recycling program to keep it going, only charging a nominal monthly fee of \$3.12. The District can no longer subsidize the program and therefore the new Residential BluCan Curbside Recycling program rates will be based upon the number of participants in the recycling program. If the District retains more than 51% of the countywide residents in the recycling program, the price will increase to Tier 1 level of \$5.84, effective February 10, 2021. However, the fee could go as high as \$6.84 based upon participation (*see BluCan Curbside Recycling Proposed Rate Table below*)

BluCan Curbside Recycling Proposed Rate Table											
Basic 1 Container	1-Jan 2020	1-Feb 2021	1-Jan 2022	1-Jan 2023	1-Jan 2024	1-Jan 2025	1-Jan 2026	1-Jan 2027	1-Jan 2028	1-Jan 2029	1-Jan 2030
TIER 1 (51%+)	\$3.12	\$5.84	\$5.96	\$6.09	\$6.22	\$6.35	\$6.49	\$6.62	\$6.77	\$6.91	\$7.06
TIER 2 (41%-51%)		\$6.28	\$6.41	\$6.55	\$6.69	\$6.84	\$6.98	\$7.13	\$7.29	\$7.45	\$7.61
TIER 3 (34%-41%)		\$6.84	\$6.99	\$7.14	\$7.29	\$7.45	\$7.62	\$7.78	\$7.96	\$8.13	\$8.31

If the program participation drops below 34%, the curbside recycling program will no longer be financially sustainable and will be cancelled by the District. At such time a \$0.25 increase will be added to the Residential Garbage rate.

What can be recycled? The District is asking that residents using either the “Binnie” program or the “BluCan” curbside program, recycle only the following materials currently.

- Aluminum cans
- Cardboard – i.e.: packaged food boxes, shipping boxes, etc. (No greasy boxes)
- Mixed paper – i.e.: Junk mail, magazines, paper bags, and paper packaging, etc.
- Plastic #1 and #2 – i.e.: Water bottles, milk jugs, detergent bottles, etc. (Hint: look at the bottom of the container for a number 1, 2, ... located inside the recycling symbol.) (No plastic bags)
- Steel food cans – i.e.: tuna fish cans, #10 food storage cans, etc.



Please do not place your items to be recycled in bags, they should be placed directly in the Binnie or in the BluCan recycling container as separate items! Glass – Should only be taken to the Binnies and not be placed in the BluCan container!!!

What can't be recycled? The District is asking that residents using either the “Binnie” program or the “BluCan” curbside program, and do **NOT** recycle the following materials:

- No Garbage
- No Hazardous materials – i.e.: oil changes, paint cans, etc.
- No Food Waste
- No Food-tainted items – i.e.: used paper plates or boxes, paper towels, paper napkins, wax paper, etc.
- No Soiled Cardboard – i.e.: greasy pizza boxes, soiled cardboard (grease, mold, and painted) or greasy boxes, etc.
- No Ceramics and Kitchenware
- No Windows and mirrors – i.e.: tempered glass
- No Plastic bags or Plastic wrap
- No Styrofoam – i.e.: packing peanuts, foam egg cartons, foam meat containers, etc.
- No Medical waste
- No Plastic toys or sporting goods equipment
- No Wood
- No Light bulbs
- No Yard waste or garden tools

Thank you for being diligent in recycling what the markets will allow.

If you have additional questions regarding what can and cannot be recycled or about the recycling program in general, please contact the Washington County Solid Waste District directly at 435-673-2813 or visit <https://www.blucan.org/>