



# Kim-Talk Special Issue

## Automated Garbage Collection

The Village of Kimberly is initiating **residential** Automated Garbage Collection Village wide beginning October 12, 2004. As the Village progresses with this enhanced method of garbage collection, there is a need to explain the reasons for implementing this system of collection, educate the residents about the changes in the collection process, answer questions that residents will have, and monitor the system in order to insure that the program meets the needs of the majority of the residents.

A little more than three years ago, Village Trustees and the Village Administrative Staff held a long range strategic planning session. During the session, we discussed the need for innovation and experimentation with new methods for delivering services and reducing spending. Through a great deal of creative thinking and experimentation, one of those thoughts has brought us to Automated Garbage Collection, a change in Village-wide **residential** garbage pickup.

Automated Garbage Collection is a system in which all residents are furnished with a 65-gallon plastic container on wheels, which is mechanically picked up

and dumped by a truck utilizing one employee (the driver). Presently, the Village's curbside pick-up utilizes a traditional rear loading garbage truck with three employees (one driver and two pickers) to collect garbage.

The Village conducted a pilot test which included 377 residential homes, and those citizens provided valuable feedback, concluding that this change was good for our community. In determining that this is good for the community, it is important to realize that ANY change creates concerns. Please rest assured that the Village is committed to making this work efficiently and effectively. It is believed that the 65 gallon container provided should be adequate. However, after a period of time, if a resident feels that an additional cart is needed they may be purchased by the resident for \$37.00, along with an annual fee of \$100.00 for dumping the additional cart. The pilot program demonstrated that with proper recycling efforts, the one container will meet the needs of the vast majority of the residents. Residents are encouraged to cooperate with neighbors if a little more room is needed after entertaining over holidays, etc.; prepare to share!!

### In this special issue...

you will find additional information regarding Automated Garbage Collection, to include: routes, general rules, & placement of the cart. Also we are using this issue to reeducate our residents on recycling.

The decision to go automated improves efficiency and will save money. Instead of operating a truck with three people four days a week, the Street Department will be able to deliver the same service with one to two individuals in two days. This change allows us to reduce wages by absorbing natural attrition through retirement, and by reducing the number of summer seasonal employees hired annually. The automated process is a safer operation, as employees are not lifting and carrying garbage containers or working in slippery or wet conditions.

As the Village of Kimberly and the residents are in this program together, it is important for everyone to cooperate for this program to be successful. Please call our Street Department (788-7507) or Village Trustees with questions and concerns; the residents are the customers and the Village will attempt to work

with them. After a short adjustment phase, it is believed that the residents will find that this new, efficient program will keep our community neat on garbage day and be an effective method of garbage collection.

Thanks for recycling & for the cooperation as the Village works innovatively to keep Kimberly a great place to Live, Learn, Work and Play.

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# Automated Garbage Collection

- Beginning Tuesday, October 12, 2004 the Village of Kimberly will begin Automated Garbage Collection for **residential** pick up.
- Each **residential** household will receive one 65-gallon polycart for collection of solid waste, which is the equivalent of more than two normal 32-gallon containers.
- Each polycart distributed to the residents will be logged with the serial number and address. The carts are the property of the Village and **must** remain with the address given.
- Please refrain from defacing the carts with unnecessary writing and/or stickers.
- Garbage **will no longer be picked up in the alleys**, as the alleys do not provide adequate width for mechanically dumping of the garbage. All residents will have to place their garbage roadside.

## General Rules

- The polycart must be placed **curbside by 6:00 am** on the day of the collection or the night before. But not before 5pm the night before.
- Carts must be removed within 24 hours of collection. Helpful hint: pulling an empty cart is easier than pushing!
- All solid waste must fit in the polycart without packing it too tightly and the **lid must close**. Any waste set outside the container **will not be collected**.
- Large, bulky non metal items such as sofas, mattresses, chairs, televisions, toilets, etc. will be picked up **on the last pick up day** of the month.
- Do not place any hazardous waste or hot ashes in the cart for collection.
- **Do not place any building materials in the polycart**. The Village of Kimberly does not pick up building materials (siding, roofing, plaster, ceiling tile, insulation, concrete, dirt, windows, doors, etc).
- Recycling is a must. Recycling is a state law in Wisconsin.

## Placement of the polycart

- Set your polycart on a flat surface near the edge of the curb or at the end of your driveway apron. Placing your cart on the apron eliminates vehicles from parking in front of your cart. Keep in mind that the one-man collection truck is approx. 32 feet long and needs space and the correct angle to extend the collection arm.
- The polycart **must be placed a minimum of four (4) feet away from any object** such as mailboxes, trees, vehicles, utility poles, snow piles, and any items set out for pickup on the last day of the month.
- Also **recycling must also be placed a minimum of four (4) feet away** from the polycart.
- Do not place polycart under low wires; the collection arm needs ten (10) feet four (4) inches to dump the polycart.
- Make sure the arrow on the polycart lid is facing the road.
- If polycart cannot be reached for any reason, **garbage will not be picked up**.
- Polycarts cannot be placed on snow piles. **They must be placed at ground level**.

## Large, bulky non metal items ...

such as, couches, chairs, sofas, mattresses (rolled and tied), televisions, toilets, carpet (rolled and tied in four foot lengths), etc will be picked up **on the last pick up day** of the month.

## Appliances and large metal items ...

require purchasing an appliance pick-up sticker at either the Street Department or Clerk's Office which is applied to the item for pick-up. Stickers must be purchased by 4:30pm on Thursday for collection on Friday. Appliances set out for disposal without a sticker are in violation of municipal ordinance and are subject to a fine. Sticker costs vary by item. Appliances that have refrigeration coils (Freon) such as: refrigerators, freezers, air conditioners and dehumidifiers cost \$15.00 for pick-up. All other appliances and metal items such as: washers, dryers, stoves, water heaters, microwaves, swing sets, clothes line poles with the concrete removed and large metal items cost \$10.00 for pick up.

## Yard Waste ...

Lawn rakings, shrub trimmings (not to exceed 6"), weeds, lawn edgings and garden debris will be picked up the third Friday of every month, from May 1st to October 31st. Materials must be placed in a plastic bag with a special yard waste sticker attached to each bag. Stickers can be purchased at either the Street Department or Clerk's office for \$1.00 each.

- The Village provides free-of-charge yard waste pick-up during a two week period in the spring and one week in the fall. Specific dates will be announced in the Kim-Talk.

## Leaves ...

will be collected according to existing policy. Leaves must be raked onto the terrace or to the alley right-of-way. Weather permitting leaf pick-up will be from the first week of October until the week before Thanksgiving. All leaves must be free of plastic, paper, cardboard, gravel and dirt.

## Brush ...

is regularly picked up on Thursdays between the months of March through November. Residents needing a brush pick-up must call the Street Department at 788-7507 by 4:30 Wednesday. During the months of December, January and February brush is not picked up on a weekly basis, but rather as weather permits. Residents are still required to call for a brush pick-up.

**AT NO TIME should any recycling or construction materials be placed in the polycarts!**



# Recycling Information you NEED to know

## WHAT can be recycled?

This newsletter contains all the information you should need to correctly determine how and what products should be recycled. If you have further questions, please call the Recycling Hotline at 1-800-501-1616 or check out the website: [www.co.outagamie.wi.us](http://www.co.outagamie.wi.us)

## WHEN are my recyclables picked up?

In Outagamie County, the household recyclables are picked up curbside, every two weeks. Collection day depends on where you live. **As of now, your recycling day will REMAIN ON THE SAME DAY.** If you have any questions regarding recycle pick-up days, call 788-7507. You may also bring your recyclable materials to the drop-off site, located at 1313 Holland Road, Appleton.

## WHY should we recycle?

In Wisconsin, recycling is a state law. Recycling saves landfill space and other resources, creates jobs and provides raw materials to manufacturers.

## HOW do I prepare my recyclable materials?

Recyclable plastic, glass, tin, and aluminum can be placed curbside in a reusable container. Reusable containers must be between 15 and 33 gallons with handles on the outside of them and weigh less than 50 pounds when set at the curb. Containers must also be marked with an Outagamie County Recycling Sticker. Paper can be set out for recycling in paper bags, a cardboard box no larger than 3' x 3' or a separate reusable container as described above.

- Recycling 27 aluminum cans saves the energy equivalent of one gallon of gasoline.
- It takes almost 400 gallons of oil to produce a ton of paper.
- Americans throw away the equivalent of 30 million trees in newsprint each year.
- Since 1970, Americans have earned almost \$6.5 billion from recycling aluminum cans.
- The 600 billion cans recycled since 1972 would stretch to the moon 190 times.
- Americans throw away enough aluminum every 3 months to build an entire commercial air fleet.

**More Amazing  
Recycling Facts!**

## Wisconsin Recycling Law

The Wisconsin Recycling Law requires that all residents and businesses recycle paper, cardboard and commingle which includes glass, tin, aluminum cans, and plastic containers. Other items such as appliances, tires, oil, vehicle batteries, and yard waste also a law to recycle. The law was put into place to conserve landfill space and preserve our land, air, and water resources.

## Amazing Facts!

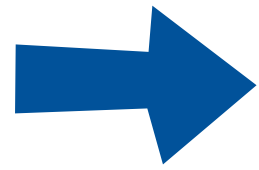
- Every year over 45,000 tons of plastic waste are dumped into the oceans, killing more than 1 million birds and 100,000 marine mammals.
- Annually, enough energy is saved by recycling steel to supply the city of Los Angeles with a decade worth of electricity.
- Recycling glass reduces air pollution 14 – 20 %.
- A ton of paper made from 100% recycled paper saves 17 trees, 7,000 gallons of water and 60 pounds of air pollution particles.

## Frequently Asked Questions...

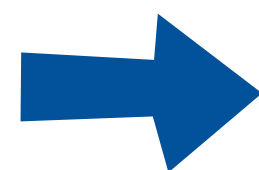
- Q:** Can I recycle my shredded paper and, if so, how do I keep it from blowing away?
- A:** Yes! You can recycle your shredded paper. To keep it from blowing away, we suggest putting it in a brown paper bag such as a grocery bag, folding the top over and stapling it shut.
- Q:** What should I do with my paper when it rains?
- A:** We would prefer that plastic bags not be used. It is OK if the paper gets wet. Usually it is only the outside few layers.

**Please keep this  
issue for future  
reference.**

# REDUCE



# REUSE



# RECYCLE!

## GLASS

Most of the glass bottles and jars we use can be recycled. This includes most glass food containers including jars, glass soda bottles and wine, beer and liquor bottles.

- **Empty glass bottles and jars only.**
- Remove lids and caps.
- There is no need to remove labels.
- Bottles **must be rinsed.**

### Do Recycle:

- Clear, brown or green bottles and jars
- Soda, beer, juice and other glass food containers
- Blue, green, rose and yellow tinted glass.

### Do NOT Recycle:

- Ceramic cups, plates and bottle tops
- Clay flower pots
- Drinking glasses, crystal
- Plate glass, windshields
- Opaque or milk glass
- Laboratory glass
- Light bulbs
- Ovenware
- Window glass

## CANS

Aluminum steel and bi-metal cans may all be recycled. Cans up to one gallon in size are accepted for curbside pick-up. LARGER cans should be taken to the drop-off center at the MRF (material recycling facility). They must be empty

- Empty metal cans only.
- Rinse can out.
- There is no need to remove labels.
- Remove plastic caps from aerosol cans.

### Do Recycle:

- All aluminum cans
- All steel or bi-metal cans
- Metal lids and bottle tops
- Aerosol cans, **EMPTY cans only, no caps**

### Do NOT Recycle:

- Paint cans
- Pesticide aerosol cans
- Pots and pans
- Car parts
- Nails and screws
- Sheet metal
- Small appliances.

## PLASTIC

It's easy to determine which plastics can be recycled. Just look for these symbols on the bottom of the plastic: 1 PETE or 2 HDPE

- The only plastic bottles recycled locally are those coded **1 PETE and 2 HDPE** with a neck and screw-top cap.
- Empty bottles only.
- Rinse bottle out.
- Remove lids and caps.
- It is not necessary to remove labels

### Do Recycle:

- #1 and #2 Blue and #2 Brown plastic bottles
- Soda bottles
- Peanut butter jars
- Milk and water jugs
- Laundry bottles (detergent, fabric softener, bleach, dish soap)
- Vinegar bottles
- Shampoo, conditioner, lotion, and cosmetic bottles
- Syrup, juice, cooking oil containers, and etc.

### Do NOT Recycle:

- #1 brown plastic bottles
- ALL plastic bags(see note below)
- Yogurt and cottage cheese type tub containers
- Motor oil bottles
- Anti-freeze containers
- Plastic with codes 3 through 7
- Caps and lids
- Styrofoam or microwave containers
- Solvent, paint, adhesive containers
- Medical supplies
- Plastic toys, flowerpots, garden plastics
- Pesticide or herbicide containers

#### NOTE:

Plastic bags are not recycled locally, however, participating merchants provide drop off location for plastic bags.

## PAPER

Outagamie County recycles all the paper listed below. Corrugated cardboard boxes should be flattened, if possible, to save space, and cut into pieces no larger than 3ft x 3ft x 1ft.

- Put newspapers and corrugated cardboard in a brown paper bag, a 3ft x 3ft x 1ft cardboard box, or reusable container marked with a recycling sticker.
- **DO NOT** bundle.

### Do Recycle:

- Newspapers and inserts
- Magazines and books
- Junk mail and envelopes
- Phone books and catalogs
- Writing paper and copier paper
- Corrugated cardboard
- Grocery bags
- Box boards and non-corrugated cardboard

### Do NOT Recycle:

- Paper that is contaminated with food, grease or other debris
- Tissue products
- Frozen food boxes
- Dairy containers
- Gift wrapping paper

# GARBAGE ROUTES

■ Tuesdays route colored in red

■ Fri days route colored in blue



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