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Curbside Recycling Election Period Coming This Fall

Hurricane City is working with Washington County Solid Waste District to provide a recycling decision period this fall. Now is the best time for residents to choose how they would like to recycle as individual households.

Although curbside recycling with BluCan has been a mandatory service in our city, all residents will be offered a decision or “opt out” period from September 1-November 30, 2020. This means you will be able to opt out of the BluCan curbside recycling service if you wish. Information will be provided to help you know how to do so. Those who don't wish to opt out do not need to do anything — your BluCan service will continue unless you opt out.

Please note that the higher the rate of participation among residents, the more cost-effective curbside recycling will be.

About Recycling

Recycling is a community effort where we can all have an impact, from a city level to an individual level. Our city is working as a team with Washington County Solid Waste District in an effort to do the most good for the present and future of our community.

The District contracts with Hurricane 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.

As a team, we are doing our part by:

- Making recycling available to those who wish to participate

- Publishing the information you need to decide which method of recycling works best for you
- Keeping costs down as much as possible.

You can do your part by learning how to use the service properly, and by participating in the wider recycling effort. All the information you need is at BluCan.org. There is also information on the lid of your BluCan.

- What is recyclable in your BluCan includes:
 - Loose paper (do not bundle it) such as junk mail, newspaper, and magazines
 - Plastic milk containers
 - Cardboard boxes
 - Metal food and drink cans
 - Plastics marked 1 or 2 on the bottom
 - DO NOT put recyclables in plastic bags
 - DO NOT put glass in your BluCan
- What is recyclable in public bins (binnies) includes:
 - Glass
 - Everything you can put in your BluCan
 - DO NOT put bundle or put recyclables in plastic bags
 - DO NOT put recyclables in plastic bags
 - Please make sure you put your recyclables in the correct bin

Whether you choose to use BluCan or public bins, the more residents use the services properly, the more material will be recycled and the more space we will save in our landfill.

While our landfill currently has many years of life remaining, recycling is like saving for retirement: the earlier you start, the more you can save. For future generations, we would like to save as much landfill space as we can.

Recycling as much as possible helps keep lighter, fluffier waste out of the landfill, which helps the non-recyclable waste to be compacted that much more, saving landfill space.

About BluCan Curbside Recycling

Although the BluCan service was initially mandatory in our city, there is now an opportunity to choose whether to participate. Between September 1 and November 30, those in participating cities will be able to opt out if they wish.

If you don't want to stop your BluCan service, don't do anything. Your status won't change unless you take action.

- Visit www.BluCan.org to find the link to our city's recycling page. You can click there to find out how to opt out of the service during the decision period if you wish.
- If you choose not to use BluCan curbside pickup, you may take recyclables to the public bins. WCSW.org has a bin location page that will help you find the closest bins. <http://www.wcsw.org/recycling/bin-locations/>

WCSW has negotiated a new recycling contract to begin in 2021. This contract is for a 10-year term. Recycled materials will be taken to a recycling facility outside of Las Vegas for more advanced sorting, so more material can be recycled.

About Costs

- Rates of participation will determine BluCan fees beginning with the new year. If at least 51% of residents participate, fees will be kept to a minimum. If participation drops below 51%, the fees will increase. The Waste District has determined that if participation drops below 34%, curbside recycling rates and options will be re-evaluated or discontinued.
- The current monthly rate for recycling is \$2.94 and will increase effective February 1, 2021. The new fees are based on participation:
 - Tier 1, which would assume over 51% participation, increases to \$5.66
 - Tier 2, 41%-50% participation, increases to \$6.10
 - Tier 3, 34%-40% participation, increases to \$6.66

Fees will increase annually by up to 2.5% for at least the next ten years during the contract period.