

RECYCLING CART REMINDER: Starting the week of Jan. 23, Raritan Valley Disposal (RVD) will begin delivering a 96 gallon recycling cart (blue with a green lid) to each household. They advise that it will take approximately three (3) weeks to complete this process. Should you see carts being delivered to other neighborhoods and not yours, don't panic, yours is coming. RVD has over 5,000 carts to deliver and they will do their best to get everyone's cart to them as quickly as possible. Households should begin using the recycling cart immediately upon delivery.

The new recycling carts are for "single-stream" recycling which allows co-mingling of all recyclables into one container. This means you can throw glass, cardboard, plastics, aluminum, newspaper, beverage metal, junk mail and magazines into one recycling cart.

We are hoping to have the MyRepublicRewards Program in operation by mid-February. Each household will receive a postcard soon from MyRepublicRewards explaining the process to register for the rewards program.

We thank you for your patience as we work together to implement this new program!

CURBSIDE TRASH PICK-UP - Residents are offered two (2) options for household trash pick-up:

1. Pay-as-you-throw Program (stickers)

Property owner/ homeowner purchases stickers directly from RVD (908-730-7800) or at one of the following locations: Kings, Bishops, Flemington and Branchburg Shop-Rite, Flemington Stop-n-Shop.

With the pay-as-you-throw program one (1) sticker is placed on each 25 lb. bag of household trash at curbside. The price of a sticker may vary from time-to-time based on transfer station "tipping" fees. Presently the cost is \$.97. This program is the most cost-effective.

Years back, the Readington Township Committee instituted the "pay-as-you-throw" program for curbside pick-up. Prior to this program, each homeowner was responsible for contracting and paying directly with a garbage hauler for curbside service. With the pay-as-you-throw program, the Township bids for curbside pick-up and hauling every 3-5 years and awards a contract to the lowest responsible bidder. We are presently in the 4th year of the Township's contract with Raritan Valley Disposal. The contract amount is included in the Municipal Budget and, therefore, part of the municipal levy. The purpose of the pay-as-you-throw program was to encourage recycling which would minimize the amount of household trash put out to curb. The fee paid for stickers represents the "tipping" fee at the transfer station. A conscientious recycling effort decreases the amount of trash, thus the amount of stickers needed.

2. Cart Program

RVD also offers residents the option for the use of a cart for a monthly or quarterly fee. Different sizes are available based on your household needs; the cost of the cart would depend on the size that you decide your household needs. You would be billed directly from RVD for

this service and the full cost of the cart would be the responsibility of the property owner. Many people make this choice for the convenience of having a trash cart on wheels, to minimize birds/animals getting into your trash and to eliminate the need to purchase stickers. This service is an additional service that a homeowner can choose and is not covered by the Township's contract.

With the inception of the MyRepublic Rewards program, residents are encouraged to utilize the "pay-as-you-throw" program. Residents who presently receive curbside pickup will now have a 96 gallon cart (at no additional cost) to be used for single-stream recycling. This should leave residents with very little household trash, keeping the sticker cost to a minimum.

If you are presently enrolled in the "cart" program for your household trash and would like to switch to the "pay-as-you-throw" program, just call RVD at 908-730-7800 and cancel your cart service.