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### Recycling Hours Expanded!

Did you know that Americans throw away enough trash every minute to fill a house? At least 39.9% of the waste stream in the U.S. is paper. Last year over 395,000 pounds of corrugated cardboard, newspaper and magazines were recycled locally.

Recycling is not mandatory but is encouraged to reduce the volume of trash being hauled to the landfill. Through the generous contributions from local businesses and residents, we were able to expand our recycling program to include plastic, glass, aluminum and tin in 2015.

Beginning June 3, 2016 we are now able to take cardboard, 24 hours a day at 333 E. 9<sup>th</sup> Street. Same location, better hours.

We continue to accept plastics (1-7), glass, aluminum and tin at the drop-off recycling trailer located at 236 E. 9<sup>th</sup> Street, 24 hours a day. Residents are asked to rinse and sort all items and remove the lids from glass items.

### Why should we recycle?

- A discarded aluminum can is still a can 500 years later; a discarded plastic bottle is still a bottle 1,000 years later.
- Recycling aluminum takes 95% less energy than making aluminum from raw materials; recycling plastic takes 88% less energy; recycling paper takes 60% less energy; and recycling steel takes 25% less energy.
- There is no limit to the number of times glass and aluminum can be recycled.
- Americans throw away 35 billion plastic bottles every year and enough glass in a week to fill a 1,350-foot tall building.

Thank you to all those who've made a difference in our community through recycling. If you have any questions regarding the sanitation and recycling services, please call the City Building at 785.483.6311

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