

# TOWN OF



# PLAINVILLE

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Dear Resident:

Your neighborhood has been selected to participate in a new recycle program that will make recycling easier and help Plainville save money! The Town of Plainville and City of Bristol have been awarded a U.S. Department of Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant to initiate a program that provides for the cooperative collection of recyclable materials.

**In October, a new 90 gallon recycling container will be delivered to your residence. Along with the container, additional information will be provided highlighting program collection instructions and schedule. Your first collection date is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday October 26, 2010. Recyclable collection will continue to be collected every other Tuesday thereafter. Please make note that your new recyclable collection day will be every other Tuesday, (November 9, November 23, December 7, etc.). Regular trash pickup will remain on the same day as it occurs now. Please be aware that the City of Bristol, Department of Public Works employees and equipment will be collecting the recyclable materials. Remember to place your recycle barrel at the curb by 6:00 AM for collection.**

As the Town of Plainville transitions into automated pickup for regular trash and recycling it was determined that in some areas there would not be sufficient space along the street for two bins, thereby it was decided that recycling pickup would be scheduled for the day after regular trash pickup.

Your new barrel is for **all** recyclable materials. This method of recycling, called Single Stream recycling, will give you more capacity for all of your recyclable materials. It will be emptied using semi-automated trucks. The following are some general questions and answers to help you become familiar with the new curbside recycling service:

**What goes in the new recycle barrel?** All recyclables including glass, plastics #1 - #7, aluminum food containers and foil, paper milk and juice cartons, box board (cereal box paperboard), newspapers, magazines, soft-cover books, telephone books, school paper, clean corrugated cardboard (folded flat), office/computer paper, junk mail, brown paper bags, brown packing paper, and brown envelopes. Loose or shredded paper can also be recycled (please place it in a **paper** bag to avoid windblown litter while barrels are emptied). Acceptable materials are printed on top of the lid for easy reference. Please make sure that barrel contents are loosely packed to allow materials to freely empty when the barrel is tipped.

**Unacceptable materials** include **plastic bags** of any sort, pizza boxes, paper plates, any containers that held antifreeze, motor oil, pesticides, paint, or other toxic fluids, light bulbs, ceramics, scrap metal, pots/pans, silverware, and needles.

**Where will the barrel be picked up?** Place your new recycle barrel at the curb by 6:00 AM with the handle and wheels facing into your property. All barrels must be 5 feet away from mailboxes, poles, parked vehicles and other objects. If you have the room, it is best to place your blue recycle barrel on the opposite driveway side of your mailbox. Remember to check for overhead wires and low branches nearby to allow our trucks access to empty the barrels.

**What if the barrel is damaged?** Containers are warranted for 10 years by the manufacturer. If the container is damaged through normal use and requires repair or replacement, contact Public Works.

**If I move, should I take the barrel with me?** No. Each barrel is assigned to a residence, but owned by the Town. If you move, the container should remain at the property for use by the next resident. If you have any questions, please call the Public Works Department at (860) 793-0221, Ext. 208.