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Recycle-Motion Getting Easier: MMWA Moving To No-Sort Recycling

SAGINAW, MI ----- Recycle-Motion is going to just 1 step! Area residents can soon stop sorting recyclables into separate bins. As of January 1, 2015, recycling will get easier and more efficient for communities served by Mid Michigan Waste Authority.

MMWA's curbside residential recycling program has been upgraded to include more materials and eliminate sorting requirements. Residents will now be able to recycle all of their plastic, metal, glass, paper, chipboard and cardboard in one container, no sorting needed. The expanded Recycle-Motion program will accept all plastics #1 through #7, with the exception of expanded plastic #6 foam products. Those items; packing peanuts, packaging foam, still need to be disposed of in the trash.

Curbside Recycling Program Changes

Sorting Eliminated

- No more separating paper goods from containers
 - All allowed recyclables can be mixed together in the same container(s)

Plastics Expanded

- All plastics, #1 - #7, now allowed to be recycled
 - Exclusion remains for foam-style plastic #6 (Styrofoam, packing peanuts)
- Large non-packaging plastic and metal items still not allowed
 - large plastic ride-on or playground toys
 - metal car parts
 - unclean plant pots

Official Recycling Bin(s) Not Required

- Residents no longer **need** to set out at least one official recycling bin
 - Recycling bins may still be used if residents choose
- MMWA will promote the use of any 33 gallon or smaller container/can(s)
- Non recycling bin containers need to be marked or stickered in some way:
 - Recyclables Only sticker (from MMWA or member community); or
 - Large letter "R" painted/marked on can

There are a number of advantages to the new recycling program. Eliminating sorting between several bins and allowing all plastics to be recycled makes recycling one easy step. Making recycling

simple has been shown to boost recycling participation and result in more recyclables getting to the curb, decreasing the amount of material bound for the landfill.

While residents may still use official recycling bins from their community, MMWA will encourage residents to swap their bin(s) for 33 gallon or smaller containers, with almost double the capacity of a recycling bin, to hold more material, and also save space in their homes and garages. To use a 33-gallon container as a recycling can, residents should affix a "Recyclables Only" sticker to it or, paint or permanent marker a large letter "R" on the front. "Recyclables Only" stickers are available at municipal offices or through MMWA.

MMWA released an announcement of the coming curbside recycling changes to the media today. Upcoming MMWA Garbage Guru Tidbit ads in all area newspapers will also have the program change announcement over the next week or so, and an announcement will be up on our website and posted on MMWA's Facebook page. The no-sort recycling program details will be on MMWA's website January 1. Staff is developing a comprehensive public education program about the new no-sort recycling changes to launch in spring 2015.

For more information about MMWA's Recycle-Motion program, contact Mid Michigan Waste Authority staff at 989-781-9555 or visit www.recyclemotion.org.