



WEST BRADFORD TOWNSHIP
"Between the Brandywines"

West Bradford Receives Recycling Grant to Change to Single Stream Recycling

West Bradford received announcement that an award of \$500,000 has been made to the Township to purchase "toters" and collection vehicles to change from separated recyclables to single stream (combined) recyclables.

Presently the collection of recyclables is by use of a bin system, with all material except newsprint being combined and the newsprint separated for curbside collection. Cardboard is not collected at curbside, but a drop-off facility for cardboard is operated at the municipal campus. With single stream collection all material will be placed in a "toter" without separation for curbside collection. Rinsed glass, clear and colored; rinsed aluminum cans and containers such as foil pie plates, steel and bi-metal cans; rinsed plastics #1 through #7; newsprint, junk mail, cereal boxes and other light cardboard; aerosol cans; and corrugated cardboard will all be placed in a single "toter" for curbside collection.

The use of a separate "toter" will allow the use of automated collection equipment to collect the recyclables. That is the same type of vehicle that now collects the household trash from a "toter". Bins will not be used for recycling once the new "toters" are delivered and the new system is in place.

The recycling "toter" will be different from the household trash "toter" in that it will have a different color scheme. The plan is to use a yellow colored lid that will have recycling information embossed on it. It is a violation of the Township Refuse Collection Ordinance to place household trash in a recycling container and to place recyclable material in the household trash "toter". Proper use of containers will be emphasized through enforcement proceedings, as the integrity of the recyclable materials must be maintained without contamination with household trash and household trash cannot contain material that can be recycled.

The recycling "toter" will present each household with a second "toter" instead of the present system with a "toter" and smaller bins. The idea of picking up recycling material on a separate day from the household trash is being considered due to space problems in placing both "toters" at curbside on the same day. Due to the automated equipment, space must be given between "toters" so that the arm can grasp them for dumping into the truck. With the larger recycling container, they may not have to be placed for pickup every week. Some residents will find that the container may only need to be placed for pickup on a bi-weekly or longer period.

When reading this article, we would appreciate your thoughts regarding having a separate day for recycling to be placed at curbside from the household trash day. You can contact us by email at secty@westbradford.org or by telephone at 610-269-4174. Please ask for Kim Williams. We would appreciate hearing your concerns.

The use of the single stream system will permit the pick-up of additional items ,principally corrugated cardboard, and enhance the ability to recycle more material. Our present recycling trucks have to have separated bins which do not allow us to pick up corrugated cardboard, as it will not fit into the chutes unless it is cut into very small pieces. The use of the additional “toter” will benefit the collection in that all automated collection vehicles will have the same operation and can be used for either recycling or household waste collection; thereby simplifying operations and providing multipurpose vehicles as opposed to the trucks that are now dedicated to recycling only.