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New Single-Stream Recycling Program Off to “Huge” Start

As part of the Clean Community Concept, the City is aiming to flip trash-to-recycling ratios.

MORGANTOWN – Morgantown solid waste officials are reporting that the first week of recycling pickup using the new green toters is over – and it’s proving to be as successful as hoped.



Tom Arnold, who worked closely with Republic Services to implement the program, says 35 tons of recyclable materials were collected from residents this first week of collection.

“This is huge,” Arnold said. “A great start – residents really filled them to the brim.”

Arnold reported that estimated recycling numbers for the entire year of 2011 are around 78 tons.

The City hoped to turn its solid waste collection around, aiming to reach recycling-to-trash ratios of 80%-20%. To do it, the municipal Solid Waste Authority and the City’s solid waste services provider, Republic Services, delivered a toter to every resident within city limits.

Residents can now recycle 17 kinds of plastics, papers, and metals – without sorting.

There are plans to improve the program by working with landlords to cut down on the number of toters at multi-unit residential buildings, like multiple-apartment student housing.

If there are any questions about the Recycling portion of the Clean Community Concept, residents are welcome to visit the links below or email morgantownwv@republicservices.com. This email now serves as the primary customer service contact for residents who receive solid waste service within city limits, and helps to keep records of requests made.

More Information

Recycling Information, including Acceptable Materials list and download:

<http://www.morgantownwv.gov/residents/recycling/>

Trash Pick-Up Information (including Route Schedule):

<http://www.morgantownwv.gov/residents/trash-recycling/>

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