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Apartment Receive Recycling Carts **Multi-Family Curbside Recycling Begins February 1**

The City of San Marcos will expand its single stream recycling service to include multi-family units on Tuesday, February 1, 2011. Each apartment unit will be billed \$5.53 per month including tax for the weekly curbside service.



MULTI-FAMILY RECYCLING: Beginning February 1, curbside recycling carts will be available at apartment complexes in San Marcos.

San Marcos City Council passed an ordinance on December 7, 2010, establishing single stream recycling for multi-family units in response to requests by apartment residents. Over time, this service is expected to reduce the volume of solid waste collected in the community.

Texas Disposal Systems will provide 96 gallon recycling carts at each apartment complex and the carts will be rolled to their trucks for emptying. Residents should contact their property manager for cart locations and pick-up days.

“We are proud to be the first community in Central Texas to offer Single Stream Recycling to all residents in the City, whether you live in a single-family or multi-family home,” said Mayor Daniel Guerrero. “Bringing the curbside recycling to apartments greatly enhances the single stream program introduced in 2009.”

Single Stream Recycling allows participants to recycle more items and does not require recyclables to be sorted. Items accepted in the recycling carts include:

- **Paper:** Newspaper, office paper, junk mail, magazines,
- **Cardboard and Boxboard:** shipping boxes, cereal boxes, shoe boxes
- **Empty Containers made of:**
 - **Plastic:** Rigid plastic jugs, bottles and plastic containers numbered 1-7
 - **Metal:** food cans
 - **Aluminum:** soda cans
 - **Glass:** Bottles of any color

Items **not accepted** in the carts include garbage, plastic bags, styrofoam, pet food bags, pet waste, light bulbs, batteries, motor oil bottles, aerosol cans, coat hangers, clothes, or garden hoses

San Marcos residents may continue to take items to Green Guy Recycling, Inc. at 937 Hwy 80, behind Hobby Lobby and Tractor Supply. Green Guy accepts metal, aluminum, copper, brass, stainless steel and lead. They also accept printer cartridges, cell phones, batteries and Styrofoam peanuts. More information on Green Guy may be found at <http://greenguyrecycling.com/>.

Visit www.sanmarcostx.gov to view a brief informational video about the new multi-family curbside recycling service, or contact garbage@sanmarcostx.gov or 393.8026 for more information.

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