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### **County Offers Larger Carts for Recycling Enthusiasts** *Website Features Are Also Part of New Program Benefits*

FREDERICK, MD – Many residents have shown such enthusiasm for the new single-stream recycling program that the Office of Recycling is offering larger carts to households currently participating in curbside collection. The largest containers available are 95-gallon, wheeled carts which offer 32% more recycling capacity than a standard-sized 65-gallon recycling cart.

Dawn Adams, Frederick County's Recycling Program Manager, said, "We are pleased with the early success of the single stream recycling program and wish to thank residents for their support of this important endeavor. When comparing recent rates to the same timeframe a year ago, many more residents are now participating in the program. In addition, initial observations indicate that increased quantities of materials are being recycled by many households."

Residents who regularly produce large quantities of recyclables may exchange their recycling containers for a larger capacity model. This may be done by placing a request with the residential curbside service provider, Allied Waste, via email at [frederickrecycles@republicservices.com](mailto:frederickrecycles@republicservices.com) or by telephone at 301-694-6498.

For occasional surpluses of recyclables, or for households awaiting delivery of a new cart, materials may be set out next to a county-issued cart or bin in paper bags, cardboard boxes, plastic totes or any container approximately the same size as an 18-gallon blue bin. To conserve space, corrugated cardboard can also be placed alongside carts and bins. One key benefit of the new recycling program is that cardboard no longer needs to be broken down prior to collection.

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### **New “When Do I Recycle” Website Feature**

The county’s recycling website is continually updated with information in response to frequently asked questions by residents. One recent addition is a web page where residents can enter their street address and receive information on the recycling collection schedule specific for their neighborhood. Residents are invited to visit <http://www.co.frederick.md.us/WhenDoIRecycle> to take advantage of this new user-friendly website search feature.

Helpful information about what to recycle, who can recycle and other details relevant to residential recycling and waste reduction can also be found at the county website, <http://www.co.frederick.md.us/recycle> or by calling 301-600-2960.

The Frederick Board of County Commissioners and the Department Solid Waste Management officially launched single stream curbside collection of recyclable materials in January for residents in existing service areas. The benefits of this program will be extended to new service areas this spring, with all single-family homes in the county being offered curbside pick-up of recyclables. Residents who have never had curbside service can look forward to receiving recycling carts and program information in the coming months.

The single stream program aims to make recycling an easier, more efficient process in order to increase recycling rates. More materials are now accepted and less pre-processing of recyclables is required. Residents no longer have to sort items, effectively making recycling as easy as throwing something away— but with the benefit conserving resources and protecting our environment.

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