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### **Town of Washington Rolls Out New Recycling and Garbage Carts**

**Washington, WI - 8/15/2023** – The Town will begin rolling out new recycling and garbage carts for residents in August as it officially launches its curbside cart collection service.

With this new recycling collection system, residents will be able to place all recyclable items directly into a new, larger recycling container. The 96-gallon carts will begin arriving at residents' homes in early to mid-August. The carts will replace the smaller bins currently used for residential recycling and come with wheels for easy maneuvering and attached lids to keep recyclables dry and secure.

The Town applied for and received a grant from The Recycling Partnership, an NGO advancing the circular economy by building a better recycling system in U.S. communities and states. The Town of Washington was selected to receive grant support because of its dedication to advancing recycling in the community. The grant from The Recycling Partnership, with support from GlobalGiving, made in partnership with L'Oréal, will provide 1,300 new carts and includes funding for education and outreach about the new collection process.

The Town asks that residents continue to do their part by placing only recyclable materials in their carts, including glass bottles and jars, aluminum and steel cans, food and beverage cartons, paper products (including newspapers and flattened cardboard), and empty plastic bottles and containers. To help limit contamination, give food and drink containers a quick rinse and then place them directly into the recycling cart—no sorting needed.

Some items that cannot be recycled in the curbside carts include plastic bags, batteries, electronics, hoses and cords, and clothing. These items often get mixed into recycling carts because of “wishcycling,” or the hope that they can be recycled. While well-intentioned, non-recyclable items cause serious issues in trucks and at recycling facilities.

There will be no change to the current collection schedule. The North side (lake side) will be collected each Monday and the South side will be collected each Wednesday.

For more information on the new collection program including what can and can't go into the cart, visit [www.townofwashingtonshawanoco.com/garbage-recycling](http://www.townofwashingtonshawanoco.com/garbage-recycling) and watch for a packet of information which will be delivered with your new recycling cart.

Thank you,

Town of Washington