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Let's Talk Trash

Beginning in September 2009, trash service for all residents of Derby will be provided by Waste Connections of Kansas, Inc. For most residents, this new trash service will be less costly than their current bills. For all residents, it will be more services for the money.

More Service, Less Cost

Residents will choose either a \$38.25/quarter option for a trash cart 2/3 the size of the one currently used and biweekly curbside recycling or a \$44.25/quarter option for the same sized cart currently used, up to 10 extra bags free, and curbside recycling.

Given that many households currently pay between \$63 and \$83 per quarter, the cost saving from the new program is a welcome change. For people living in a homeowner's association with a special trash deal, current rates of \$37 to \$48 per quarter are common.

Under the new program available this fall, all residents will benefit from a free coupon for one bulky waste pickup (like a mattress or couch) and one pick-up truck load taken to the Waste Connections transfer station per year. Also, people who are physically unable to roll their carts out to the curb will be provided this service at no additional cost.

Convenient & Simple Recycling

The biweekly recycling will use a brown cart to collect plastics #1-7, cardboard, aluminum and steel cans, glass, magazines, chipboard (like cereal boxes), newspaper, clean aluminum foil, junk mail, phone books, and other light-colored paper.

No sorting is needed. Simply put all items in your cart and roll it to the curb. No bags or removal of labels required. Carts protect items from the Kansas wind and rain.

Rewards for Recycling

Your recycling cart is weighed before being dumped into the truck. Each household can set up an account so each pound of recyclables is converted to points that can be redeemed for groceries and gift cards at various local and online businesses. Details at www.RecycleBank.com.

Benefits to Derby Businesses

Small businesses that need only cart service (not a dumpster) will enjoy discounted rates under the new program, as well as recycling services. Derby businesses will also be able to promote their businesses through the RecycleBank rewards program.

Cancelation Fees

Current customers of Derby Disposal and Waste Management may be charged cancelation fees of \$25-\$30. If so, when they sign up for service with Waste Connections, that fee will be credited to their new account.

Watch your mailbox this summer for details about the program. Each household will be asked to choose a trash cart size and whether you want to recycle. If a homeowner's association has an extended contract, a custom transition plan will be developed and communicated to residents. Until then, check out www.derbyweb.com for information or call City Hall at 788-1519.