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City of Monmouth
Curbside Recycling Pricing

In 2013, when the City of Monmouth sought bids for the collection and processing of curbside recycling within the City, Eagle Enterprises Recycling, Inc. proposed an alternate bid which offered a 10-year contract with the first five years of pricing, and then the remaining five years to be established at the mid-point of the contract. That alternate was accepted by the City Council. We are pleased to present the pricing for the remaining five years.

Recycling Program

The curbside recycling program will continue for the next five years as it has for the previous five. Collections will still be performed every other week on the regular garbage collection day. The only change in the program is that Eagle Enterprises Recycling, Inc. has been forced to quit accepting plastic grocery bags for recycling. The primary market for this material was China, and in 2017, the import of this particular grade of plastic (along with several other grades of material) was banned by the Chinese government. The very limited markets for this grade of film in the United States make this particular item unmarketable from our position. Additionally, in the 2017 Illinois General Assembly, a bill was put forward and passed in both chambers that would ban plastic bags for recycling from curbside recycling programs. Deemed an "educational bill" by supporters, as there were no penalties in the bill, it was an effort to reduce a material that causes a lot of issues for large Material Recovery Facilities. In 2018, a statewide Recycling Contamination Task Force was formed to try to develop an agreement and strategy for public education to reduce contaminants that are universal within the state. The biggest areas of focus were: needles, diapers, textiles, tanglers (rope, hoses), and plastic bags. Our recommendation is to return plastic bags to a store that has a receptacle to collect plastic bags.

Pricing

For the preceding five years, the cost per household for the curbside recycling program has been increasing at 3% per year. We will continue that pricing for the remaining five years.

Year 6: \$4.26 per household per month
Year 7: \$4.39 per household per month
Year 8: \$4.52 per household per month
Year 9: \$4.66 per household per month
Year 10: \$4.79 per household per month