



Briargrove Subdivision Recycling to Begin Thursday, January 5, 2012

Briargrove Residents...

V.F. Waste Services, in conjunction with your homeowners' association, is proud to announce that all Briargrove residents will now have the opportunity to participate in a community wide recycle program. Beginning January 5, 2012, residents will have once a week recycling at the curb on Thursdays. You will still maintain your twice a week regular trash pickup on Wednesdays and Saturdays. We strongly urge every resident to take this opportunity to recycle so that we can all do our part in helping save our environment.

WHY RECYCLE IN YOUR COMMUNITY?

From the National Recycling Coalition:

- *Recycling and composting diverted nearly 70 million tons of material away from landfills and incinerators in 2000, up from 34 million tons in 1990-doubling in just 10 years.*
- *Every ton of paper that is recycled saves 17 trees.*
- *The energy we save when we recycle one glass bottle is enough to light a light bulb for four hours.*
- *Recycling benefits the air and water by creating a net reduction in ten major categories of air pollutants and eight major categories of water pollutants.*
- *In the U.S., processing minerals contributes almost half of all reported toxic emissions from industry, sending 1.5 million tons of pollution into the air and water each year. Recycling can significantly reduce these emissions. In the U.S., processing minerals contributes almost half of all reported toxic emissions from industry, sending 1.5 million tons of pollution into the air and water each year. Recycling can significantly reduce these emissions.*
- *It is important to reduce our reliance on foreign oil. Recycling helps us do that by saving energy.*

Essentially this is how the program will work.....

- 1) Each household will have the opportunity to purchase a 35 gallon blue recycle can to use for recycling only. This 35 gallon can will be yours to keep forever. The cost of this can will be \$50 and we must receive the attached order form with your check or credit card information no later than November 4, 2011. The can will be blue and have the universal recycle symbol on each side of the can. (Below is picture of how the cans may look.)



35 Gallon Recycle Can



18 Gallon Recycle Bin (You will only be given one.)

- 2) If you decide not to purchase 35 gallon can but still want to participate then we can provide you with a free 18 gallon recycle bin to use as part of the program. We must receive the attached order form indicating you want a free recycle bin so that we can deliver it to your home. The recycle bin will be the property of VF Waste. Any lost, damaged, or stolen bins will be replaced at the expense of each homeowner at \$15 a bin. (See the picture of the 18 gallon bin above on the right side.)
- 3) The 35 gallon cans or 18 gallon recycle bins will be delivered sometime the week of December 26, 2011 and will be placed at your front door.
- 4) On your recycling days you must place your can or bin at the curb for pickup. Do not leave your can or bin at the back, halfway on your driveway or almost close to the curb. Can/bins must be within 3 feet of curb.



- 5) Cans or bins must be ready for pickup by 7:00 am on Thursdays.
- 6) You do not have to sort the recyclable items. Everything can be mixed (commingled) together and placed inside your can or bin.
- 7) A list of items that we accept and do not accept for recycling is enclosed with this letter. (See below.)

Below is a list of the items that we will accept and not accept for recycle collection.....

Items Accepted:

Paper

(Place in paper bag if possible to prevent loose paper from flying away. Do not put in plastic bags)

- Carbonless forms, tissue role cores
- Clean pizza boxes, soda and beer boxes
- Envelopes, junk mail, paper bags
- Newspaper, magazines, catalogs, annual reports
- Shredded paper strips
- Telephone books, paper egg cartons
- White, colored and fax paper

Metals

Aluminum beverage cans, tin/steel food & pet food cans, aluminum foil, pie pans and trays, and metal jar lids rinsed out prior to placing in recycling bin

GLASS

(Please rinse and drain glass as much as possible before placing out for pick-up.)

We will accept household glass items purchased at the grocery store such as jars, glass bottles, wine bottles, glass beer bottles etc. We will accept the most common color such as clear, brown and green.

We will not accept window/door glass, glass plates, table glass or glass products used for placing cooked foods.

Flattened Cardboard

Corrugated cardboard boxes broken down, cereal, food, detergent, pet food, etc.

Plastic Containers

(Check for recycling seal #1 thru #7, please rinse and remove the lid – lid can go in bin)

- Bleach & detergent containers
- Butter & ice cream tubs
- Clean plastic flower pots
- Dish, shampoo, lotions, soap bottles
- Household cleaning containers
- Milk, juice and cooking oil jugs



Items Accepted: (Continued)

Soda & Water bottles

Yogurt cups & microwave trays

Orange prescription pill bottles (please double check recycle # on bottom and must **wash** out residue)

Thin Plastic

Grocery store bags, dry cleaning bags, produce bags, plastic sleeve from newspaper

Items NOT accepted at this time:

Batteries

Biohazard

Ceramic items or porcelain

Computer Parts

Medical Waste

Styrofoam

PAPER not accepted: Disposable diapers, food-encrusted pizza boxes, cereal box liners, food/seed bags, photographs, foil greeting cards, slick-coated frozen food boxes, tissue paper, foil gift wrap, hardback books, Tyvek envelopes, food contaminated paper plates, cups and napkins.

METALS not accepted: Paint and aerosol containers, pesticide & chemical containers, oil filters & batteries, syringes & needles.

PLASTICS not accepted: anti-freeze & motor oil containers, pesticide & chemical containers, plastics with no recycling symbol, toys, laundry baskets, and unsanitary containers.

The bins must be placed by the curb by 7:00 am on your scheduled pick up day. The recyclable items must be placed inside the bins and must not overflow.

**RECYCLE PICKUP WILL BE DELAYED TO THE NEXT SCHEDULED COLLECTION DAY WHEN YOUR COLLECTION DAY THURSDAY FALLS ON THE FOLLOWING HOLIDAYS:
NEW YEAR'S DAY, GOOD FRIDAY, THANKSGIVING DAY & CHRISTMAS DAY**

We greatly appreciate your time and cooperation. If you have any further questions about or service please contact our Customer Service Department at 713-787-9790 or email us at vfwaste@vfwasteservices.com or visit our website at www.vfwasteservices.com. Our hours of operation are Monday thru Friday from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM. We are also open on Saturdays from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM.



ORDER FORM

Please complete the information below and mail back this form to us if you want to order and pay for a 35 gallon recycle can. If you do not want to pay for a 35 gallon can then you also have the option of receiving a free 18 gallon bin to use as part of this program. **Please mail this form if you want to purchase a 35 gallon can or if you want an 18 gallon bin.** If we do not receive this form from you then we will not deliver anything to your home. You will receive a payment confirmation by mail once your payment has been processed. **Please check only one option below.**

THE DEADLINE TO RECEIVE THIS FORM IS NOVEMBER 4, 2011.

(Please check) I would like to purchase a 35 gallon recycle can. I have enclosed a check, money order or have provided my credit card information. I understand that the cost for the can will be \$50.00 and the can will be mine to keep. This will be a onetime charge.

(Please check) I would like to receive one free 18 gallon recycle can. I understand the recycle bin will be property of VF Waste. Any lost, stolen or damaged bins will be replaced at \$15.00 a bin at my expense.

If you prefer to pay by check or money order please mail and make check payable to:

**V.F. Waste Services, Inc.
P.O. Box 773107
Houston, TX 77215**

IMPORTANT: Please provide your Briargrove address to verify where we will be delivering your can or bin.
ADDRESS: _____

Select Credit Card Type: VISA ___ MASTERCARD ___ AMEX ___ DISCOVER ___

CREDIT CARD INFORMATION

Account Number _____ Exp. Date _____ CCV _____

Billing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone _____ Email _____ Fax _____

AUTHORIZED USER OF CREDIT CARD INFORMATION

Cardholder Name _____

Amount authorized _____

AUTHORIZATION OF CARD USE

Signature _____ Date _____