

METRO WASTE AUTHORITY
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MEMORANDUM

DATE: November 14, 2008

TO: Member Community City Managers/Administrators, Public Works Officials and City Clerks; MWA Employees

CC: MWA Board of Directors and Board Alternates

FROM: Thomas B. Hadden III, MWA Executive Director

SUBJECT: Implementation of Single-Stream Recycling Program in MWA Communities, except Des Moines

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MWA communities will now benefit from residential, curbside single-stream recycling. The agreements for this program have been approved by the MWA Board. The Board has also approved the financing plan for the purchase of the wheeled carts as well as the plan for providing revenue back to the communities.

Attached is a timeline that outlines the steps MWA will take to implement the program so that collection can begin on July 1, 2009. We know that you are likely to get questions from your residents about the program, so we will be sure to keep you informed of our progress. A couple of information resources you should keep in mind are www.recycleandroll.com and www.mwatoday.com. Both are excellent resources for your residents, and provide information on the program and our plans for putting it in place.

We have been getting questions from some communities about costs and revenues for budgeting purposes. We welcome these questions and recommend that you direct them to my attention.

As we move forward with implementation, please do not hesitate to contact Reo Menning (323-6519; rme@mwatoday.com) or me (323-6535; tha@mwatoday.com) with your questions or concerns. We will do our best to make this a welcome and easy transition for your residents.

Attachment

MWA Single-Stream Residential Recycling Program Timeline for Implementation

As of November 14, 2008

- November 12, 2008: Board approved agreements with Waste Management of Iowa, Inc. and Mid America Recycling LLC for collection and processing services for single stream recycling (SSR) program. MWA fully executed the agreements.
- November 12, 2008: Board approved MWA financing and purchase of 96-gallon and 48-gallon wheeled carts from Toter Inc. for SSR program. MWA will finance the cart capital cost in an amount of \$3.5 million.
- December 2008: MWA fully executes Board-approved agreement with Toter Inc. and orders approximately 75,000 carts to provide to community single-family residences.
- January-March 2009: MWA promotes change to single stream recycling through area print and television media, community newsletters, and local events.
- January-March 2009: MWA takes orders for container size. Default size will be 96-gallon unless a resident orders a 48-gallon. Every single family residence will receive a cart unless they specifically indicate they do not want one.
- April 2009: MWA provides information to residences on the impending cart delivery, including when to expect the carts, how to use them, and when to start using them. Information is available to residents now and will remain available at www.recycleandroll.com.
- May-June 2009: Cart delivery to residents begins. Delivery will occur over a period of 6-8 weeks.
- July 1, 2009: Collection of single stream recyclables begins. Collection will be every other week.
- October 2009: MWA communities receive first quarterly revenue check from single-stream recycling. Communities will receive the revenue from the curbside recycling program, based on their communities recycling rates, minus the cost of the cart financing, replacement, and exchange.
- January 2010: MWA communities receive second quarterly revenue check from single stream recycling.
- April 2010: MWA communities receive third quarterly revenue check from single stream recycling.
- July 2010: MWA communities receive fourth quarterly revenue check from single stream recycling.