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Sent: Thursday, April 17, 2025 9:24 AM
To: Greg Minikel
Cc: Gerry Neuser; Dan Koski
Subject: RE: External: Manitowoc Clean Up Initiative
Attachments: 2025-04-16 12_12_12-18 Gallon Curbside Recycling Bin _ Recycling Made Easy _ Recycle Away and 3 more.png

Greg,

Thanks for your email.

The large lidded totes are typically handled by automated trucks in single stream collection programs that usually have higher costs. I suspect these changes could present significant issues for Pozorski Hauling and could mean a large cost increase for their residential customers, but I cannot speak for them. There could be lots of other implications to a change like this.

I have seen lids for the 18 gallon recycling bins as well. I personally use 2 of them without issue and I have Pozorski. These seem to be rare though. I attached a pic similar to the ones I use.

I agree with the issue of trash and recyclables blowing around, especially with the higher more frequent winds we seem to get. I have been contemplating addressing this through a newsletter article or some type of educational material. I have also noticed plenty of overflowing containers frequently placed out by residents, both for trash and recycling. They are often heaped past the brim in a fashion that would make them easy to spill. Is there an ordinance in the City of Manitowoc that trash and recyclables should be contained and not overflowing?

Ultimately, if the City wants to require closed recycling containers that's an issue for the city and the haulers you license to work out.

Our only stake in the process is that recyclables are brought to the MRF in the condition described in our Agreement:

5. MUNICIPALITY'S RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES.

a. If MUNICIPALITY operates a source-separated collection program at the time of entering into this AGREEMENT, MUNICIPALITY, or its "HAULER" (as defined herein), shall deliver all RECYCLABLE MATERIAL it collects to MANITOWOC COUNTY MRF. For this AGREEMENT, "HAULER" means any person, corporation, or other entity that collects RECYCLABLE MATERIAL for MUNICIPALITY. If MUNICIPALITY operates a single-stream or dual-stream collection program and does not source separate recyclable materials at the time of entering into this AGREEMENT, MUNICIPALITY, or its HAULER, shall deliver to the MRF a prescribed amount of "SUBSTITUTE MATERIAL" (as defined herein) in an amount (or amounts if more than one type of material) as determined and approved by MANITOWOC COUNTY. The amount of SUBSTITUTE MATERIAL to be delivered to the MRF shall be determined on a case by case basis, based on the historic average weight

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recyclables and their associated value as delivered to the MRF. For this AGREEMENT, "SUBSTITUTE MATERIAL" means any or all of a combination of mixed paper, corrugated cardboard, or plastic containers.

b. MUNICIPALITY, or its HAULER, shall take all necessary action to ensure that all RECYCLABLE MATERIAL it delivers to the MRF complies with MANITOWOC COUNTY standards including, but not limited to, all type, form, preparation, quality, and other requirements for recycling as determined by MANITOWOC COUNTY.

Change may be inevitable, so if it's being contemplated, a meeting to discuss the possible ramifications would be a good idea.

I'd ask that Gerry and I sit down with you and Dan to discuss the issue before any decisions are made to avoid any unintended consequences.

Thanks,

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Jon,

What are your thoughts on the City getting or having closed containers for recycling??

Who pays for them?? The City or the homeowner via their hauler??

Does this pose a problem for Pozorski since their trucks are not automated like Waste Managements are??

I agree with the issue of recyclables blowing all over the City everyday/every week.

From: Justin Nickels <jnickels@manitowoc.org>

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Hi!

Looping in Eric just to see what we can do as a city, since all garbage and recycling is private.

I don't disagree with you, Chad.....but just want to know how we go about it since we don't control it.

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Dan per our brief discussion the other day, and as a reminder.

Let's get a group together and discuss working with the recycling businesses in our city about replacing the open top red recycle bins with green or blue recycle totes (same as our trash totes w/ lids)

Every Monday the school property, 23rd street, Division street, Grand Ave is littered with plastic containers, cardboard boxes and aluminum cans etc. from residents recycling blowing around. We installed more fencing at Jefferson last fall which is now a catch all for these items.

Waldo Blvd has also been an issue on Tuesdays forever, the past couple weeks there were hundreds of plastic containers bouncing down that corridor. I had two constituents in my district reach out in regards to this as well. We all know what's at the end of Waldo and a marine sanctuary looks much better when it's free of trash in my opinion.

We have so much trash along our lakeshore and in our river and the greater majority of this debris is from trash blowing away.

I know Justin mentioned a year ago that we really have no control over the disposal companies, but it's our city so I believe we do. I say we need to have the conversation with Posorski (etc) and express our need for a better option.

I have no problem paying a few dollars more a month for a recycle tote implementation and I don't think other citizens would as well. To be honest, I really don't care if they do. It's the right move (proposal) to make.

As discussed, other municipalities have done this for years.

Thanks

Have a great day

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