

2012 Recycling Schedule

Woodside Church and College Cultural Neighborhood Association

The county recycling trailer will be located in the rear parking lot of Woodside Church the second and fourth weekends of each month in 2012.

We learned during the 2011 pilot project, when the trailer was placed for a week at a time, the vendors were unable to pick it up, empty it and return it in a reasonable period. In most cases the trailer was left all week filled to capacity, or the trailer was not returned for the duration of the week. We have shortened the duration and increased frequency. On average, the trailer will be in the neighborhood every two weeks.

There had also been issues with identifying the bins. Plans are for the trailer to be painted with signage indicating appropriate recyclables.

How is recycling funded?

The funds to buy the trailer and to maintain the program come from a county ordinance that levies a tax on solid waste dumped in Genesee County landfills. The Genesee County Metropolitan Planning Commission gets 5 cents per ton that must be used for recycling and to encourage recycling. Neither Woodside nor CCNA receives funds for our participation.

What is not accepted?

Some people think cardboard includes **cereal boxes and frozen dinner packaging**. It does not, and it **contaminates the waste stream. They are not accepted at the trailer**. You can take paperboard to Great Lakes Recycling on 2051 W. Bristol just west of Van Slyke. Great Lakes also accepts plastics #1-7.

All corrugated cardboard boxes must be broken down or cut into pieces that will fit in the bins. Even breaking down boxes and storing them in another box takes up too much room because air spaces are left, filling the bins too fast. Last summer someone thoughtlessly left a patio set box near the bin that we had to take the time cut down. Please, if it doesn't fit in the bin, cut it up and make it fit or take it home. **Nothing should be left outside the bins!**

Also not accepted:

- Glass
- Plastics #3-7 (or anything other than #1 and #2) - Great Lakes accepts plastics #1-7.
- Paperboard (cereal boxes) - Great Lakes accepts paperboard
- Plastic coated paperboard (such as ice cream cartons)
- Pizza boxes – they are contaminated with food

What is accepted -- clean and dry recyclable items:

- #1 clear plastic bottles (PET)
- #2 plastic bottles (natural PET)
- Tin and aluminum
- Office paper, newspaper, magazines, phone books and junk mail all together
- Corrugated cardboard (flatten the boxes first!)

We are asking that anyone who drops off recycling to check the bins to see if the items in the bins are correctly placed.

The 2012 weekends for the recycling trailer to be at Woodside Church:

January 28-29

February 11-12

February 25-26

March 10-11

March 24-25

April 14-15

April 28-29

May 12-13

May 26-27

June 9-10

June 23-24

July 14-15

July 28-29

August 11-12 - subject to change*

August 25-26*- subject to change*

September 8-9

September 22-23

October 13-14

October 27-28

November 10-11

November 24-25

December 8-9

December 22-23

*The County already has committed to use the recycling trailer at the Crim Race and Back to the Bricks, so our August dates may change.

Thanks to Woodside Church for hosting this public service, with special thanks to Andy Everman for maintaining the spot for the trailer and to the Woodside board for continuing to support this partnership.