



**MEMO: Curbside Recycling of Cardboard**

*TO: AJ Johnson- City Administrator*  
*FROM: Laura Liegois - Solid Waste Manager*

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The Refuse Collection department of the Solid Waste Division of Public Works is requesting the approval of City Council to begin a cardboard curbside recycling program for the City of Muscatine residents. Staff presented at the May in-depth council meeting on changes that staff would like to implement, including the curbside cardboard for collection and the addition of the City of Fruitland for refuse collections services.

The cardboard curbside recycling program would assist residents in recycling cardboard and allow more room at the drop off sites for cardboard. Staff will educate residents on the proper way to place cardboard out to the curb and what types of cardboard can be recycled. Cardboard will be picked up on the same day as resident's regular refuse collection day. Along with the City of Muscatine residents, the City of Fruitland residents would also receive cardboard curbside recycling on their refuse collection day.

If the City Council approves the cardboard curbside recycling program, a new refuse collection driver will be hired to meet the demands of the new additional program. The personnel cost will be covered by the revenue of \$70,800.00, received by the City of Fruitland refuse collection serviced. A full time refuse collection driver cost with retirement and insurance benefits will not exceed the cost of \$60,000.00.

The addition of the cardboard curbside collection program and additional refuse collection driver would require amendment to the upcoming fiscal year budget in the near future. If you have any questions in regards to the new program for cardboard curbside recycling or the additional refuse collection river, please let me know.