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## **Lonsdale Good Neighbor Recycling Program**

Lonsdale has curbside pickup for newspapers, corrugated cardboard, and other paper products. These items can be recycled, but not everyone takes the time to do this. As a result, quite a bit of recyclable paper is being sent to the landfill. The Recycling Program is designed to get area non-profit groups involved in promoting cardboard and mixed paper recycling in Lonsdale.

Newspapers, corrugated cardboard and other paper products will continue to be recycled through the curbside program. However, service groups will help promote the use of recycling dumpsters located at Mackenthun's Fine Foods, 750 Ash Street NE, in Lonsdale. This site provides a more convenient location for people to drop off a variety of recyclable goods.

### **What's In It For Your Group?**

As a reward for helping to promote cardboard and mixed paper recycling in Lonsdale, your non-profit group will receive \$15/ton for all the paper and cardboard collected while you are charge of the program.

## **PROGRAM RESPONSIBILITIES**

### **GOOD NEIGHBOR GROUPS:**

- Periodically monitor the collection boxes located in grocery store parking lot. Pick up any loose paper and to make sure the area around the box is staying clean.
- Get information out to the community about the recycling program. This could include putting up posters, knocking on doors, visiting area businesses, etc.
- Be creative; come up with unique activities that will increase the recycling of paper and cardboard in Lonsdale.
- Communicate any problems with the program to Taylor Williamson at West Central Sanitation, 320-262-5564.
- Help to make sure the boxes are being picked up when they are full.

### **WEST CENTRAL SANITATION:**

- Monitor the recycling dumpsters & adjust services as necessary.
- Pay the non-profit group \$15/ton for paper and cardboard that is recycled.

### **Mackenthun's Fine Foods (Grocery Store):**

- Provide space for the recycling dumpsters.

# RECYCLING GUIDELINES

## **DO** INCLUDE THESE ITEMS IN THE RECYCLING DUMPSTERS

- Phone books
- Newspapers
- Magazines & Catalogs
- Softcover books
- Construction paper & Coloring books
- Paper of all types
- Envelopes of all types
- Junk mail
- File folders
- Boxboard (cereal, cake, cracker, and chip boxes- plastic liner must be removed)
- Greeting cards and wrapping paper
- Pop and beer cartons



## **THESE ITEMS ARE NOT RECYCLABLE**

- Pizza boxes
- Sting
- Twine
- Cotton balls
- diapers
- Napkin
- Paper towels
- Tissue
- Cups
- Coffee filters
- Tea bags
- Photos
- Slides
- Transparencies
- Carbon paper
- Wall paper
- Waxed paper or anything waxed (waxed like milk cartons, frozen food boxes, drink boxes)

## **PAPER RECYCLING FACTS**

For every ton of paper recycled, the following resources are saved:

- 17 trees
- 4100 KWH of electricity
- 9 barrels (380 gallons) of oil
- 54 million BTU's of energy
- 3.3 cubic yards of landfill space
- 60 pounds of air pollutants
- 7,000 gallons of water

Every year each person in the United States used paper equivalent to 2 pine trees.

Using recycled fiber to make paper saves 33% of the total energy needed to make virgin paper from trees.

The average American used 650 pounds of paper each year.