

RECYCLING in THE VILLAGES

Some residents have expressed interest about recycling here in The Villages. A team of residents (MaryAnn Schulte, Brigitte Walsh, and Doug Keeler) did some research. Here is a summary.

Aluminum Cans (soda and beer cans only)

The Recreation Committee has a special container near the dumpster for the collection and recycling of aluminum cans ONLY.

They request that nothing else go into this bin.

If you would like to support the Recreation Committee, they appreciate your contributions. Proceeds from this recycling are used to help fund some of our events sponsored by the Recreation Committee.

Newspapers

The local Lions Club has provided a special bin near the dumpster to collect newspapers for recycling. Also magazines, junk mail, and scrap paper (not shredded) are acceptable. (For security reasons, you may want to remove or black out your name on any material.) Their representative said that if you can run it through a simple paper shredder, then it would be okay to place it in the bin.

They request that nothing else go into the bin.

If you would like to support this organization in their mission to serve our community, they appreciate your contributions. Funds from this recycling are used to support local schools and local non-profit organizations, such as Prescott People Who Care.

Here is the link to their website for more information: <http://www.prescottsunriselionsclub.org>

If you do not want to take the time to properly sort these recyclable materials to support our Recreation Committee and/or the Lions Club, then put them in the dumpster, so as not to cause extra work for these groups.

Dumpster Recyclables

Our dumpster is currently picked up by Patriot Disposal. Trash and recyclable materials are collected and taken to their facility for sorting. Recyclable materials include cardboard, cans, glass, metal, and plastics.

Here is an excerpt from their website:

“RECYCLING UPDATE

Great news! Patriot Disposal Inc has now opened the Freedom Recycling Center. All trash is now processed in order to remove recyclable materials. There is no longer a need to have (or pay for) a second container. Simply put both trash and recycle in the same container and when the truck dumps at our facility it goes up a conveyor belt and across a sort line where we use both man and machine to remove recyclable materials from the trash. After sorting the material, it is bailed and loaded on trucks for transportation to a recycler. Because we sell this material to a broker, we are able to offer this service at NO CHARGE to our customers. We also are now able to add glass to the material that we accept for recycle. This process not only has resulted in a much greater diversion of Yavapai Counties waste stream but eliminates the need for a second truck on your street. At Patriot, being green is more than just lip service, we put or money where our mouth is. It is by YOUR support that we are able to offer this program and we thank you. Should you desire a tour of our new facility, please contact our office to set up a time: 928-775-9000”

In addition, Brigitte spoke with Kay at Patriot, and she said that Patriot employees open all bags to separate out the recyclable items (bottles, glass, plastics, cardboard, etc.). She indicated that the video on their website is outdated, but if you would like to see how the sorting is done, you may call them to schedule a tour that takes about a half hour. Kay also advised that if our community would

want a separate container just for recyclables, it would cost about \$130/month, and probably not accomplish much more than what happens currently. Here is the link to their website for more information: <http://www.patriotdisposal.com>

Other local waste/recycle companies

Doug contacted some local waste/recycle companies, but determined that they would not be able to serve our community needs for various reasons, including an extra charge to have a separate recycle dumpster. (Taylor Waste, United Disposal, Yavapai Dewey Hauling, Waste Management.)

More to come.