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**MEMORANDUM**

**To:** Cuyahoga County Mayors, Managers and Trustees  
**From:** Diane Bickett, Executive Director, Cuyahoga County Solid Waste District  
**Date:** September 4, 2018  
**Re:** **Problems Facing Recycling**

You may have seen recent media reports about the problems facing recycling these days. You may have also been contacted by your recycling processor proposing price increases. I am writing to let you know what is driving these problems, what you can expect, and how you can help.

The current problems with recycling are mainly being driven by [China's National Sword Policy](#). Simply stated, China no longer wants our recyclables. For decades, China was the main consumer of the world's recyclables but these often were contaminated with trash and hazardous waste. This left the nation with a spoiled environment that must now be cleaned up. Because of National Sword, China has stopped accepting most recyclables and recyclers across the world are feeling the effects as they try to meet stricter quality standards and find alternative markets. In particular, the markets for mixed paper and mixed plastic have been affected as prices have plummeted from reduced demand and increased supply worldwide.

***Local Impacts:***

The National Sword Policy is impacting curbside recycling the most because household recyclables tend to be very contaminated and are costly to process. Materials must meet new quality standards if they are to be sold into remaining markets. These factors impact the price charged by our local recycling processors - Kimble, Republic, Rumpke and Waste Management. For instance, one community recently received bids for waste collection and recycling services that included a recycling processing fee. This fee was new and ranged from \$35.16 per ton to \$62.95 per ton. In addition, one company indicated it would charge \$250 per ton for contaminated loads of recyclables they would have to landfill.

***What to Expect:***

Given the current market situation, your community can expect to pay more for curbside recycling the next time your contract is up. If your community uses "blue bag" collection, you may be required to switch to carts since bagged recyclables are no longer wanted. In the meantime, your current service provider may start cracking down on contamination by either rejecting loads at the plant or leaving contaminated recyclables on the curb. Contamination is caused by residents placing unacceptable or non-recyclable items into their carts, bins or blue bags. Residents may do this because they wish everything can be recycled or because they don't understand the rules or simply don't care. Contamination ranges from 18% - 25% which means that nearly 1 out of every 4 items set out for curbside recycling should not be there. Your processor must remove and landfill those items which is a cost your community will pay.





***What You Can Do:***

1. Explain to your residents that recycling is in trouble and that proper recycling will help.
2. Distribute the attached letter to your residents that explains the proper way to recycle. This can be mailed, inserted in a utility bill, e-mailed, or posted on your website.
3. Direct residents to our web site [CuyahogaRecycles.org](http://CuyahogaRecycles.org) for up to date recycling information and instructions.
4. Make sure your website contains up to date recycling instructions and a link to [CuyahogaRecycles.org](http://CuyahogaRecycles.org). The District can provide content for you to post.
5. Contact the District before going out to bid for waste collection and recycling services. We have current contract pricing for all communities and are monitoring changes. We also have revised our bid template to reflect changing market conditions and can help with your bid process.
6. Make use of the customizable recycling education materials contained in the Recycling Toolkit found on our website. Many communities are already using these materials.
7. Contact the District if you would like to schedule a recycling presentation for your residents.

Thank you for helping us communicate this information. It is very important for the long term sustainability of the programs you have all worked so hard to implement.

Please contact me with any questions. I can be reached at (216) 443-3714 or [dbickett@cuyahogacounty.us](mailto:dbickett@cuyahogacounty.us)

*Diane T Bickett*

# Cuyahoga Heights Bus & Activities Calendar ~ October 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 GARBAGE PICK UP	2 SPECIAL PICK UP	3 CHARITY PICK UP	4	5 GROCERY SHOPPING	6
7	8 GARBAGE PICK UP	9 SPECIAL PICK UP	10	11	12 GROCERY SHOPPING	13
14	15 COLUMBUS DAY GARBAGE PICK UP	16 SPECIAL PICK UP	17 GREAT NORTHERN MALL 9:30 A.M.	18	19 GROCERY SHOPPING	20
21	22 GARBAGE PICK UP	23 SPECIAL PICK UP	24	25 HARTVILLE 8:30 A.M.	26 GROCERY SHOPPING	27
28 ANNUAL VILLAGE HALLOWEEN PARTY 2:00-4:00 PM	29 GARBAGE PICK UP	30 SPECIAL PICK UP	31 HALLOWEEN TRICK OR TREATING 6:00 - 7:30 PM			



# YOUTH BASKETBALL CLINIC

Receive basketball instruction from members of the Girls and Boys coaching staffs at Cuyahoga Heights Schools. The format will start with instruction on fundamentals, drills, and basic concepts. Later in the clinic, the children will be given the opportunity to put their skills to use while playing in an "Open Gym" format, while the Cuyahoga Heights Schools coaches instruct during play. This is an opportunity to help your child develop his or her skills in a fun setting, and players of all skill and experience levels are encouraged to attend. ***Parents and youth coaches are also invited to attend because the CHS coaches on site will be available to answer questions from and offer tips to youth coaches and parents during the course of the clinic!***

**Location: Valley View Community Center**  
**Sunday, November 18, 2018 1:00-3:00 PM**  
**(for boys and girls currently in Grades 3-6)**

Fees: Valley View Residents – No Charge  
 Non-Residents - \$7 per child

Make checks payable to: The Village of Valley View  
 Please return completed registration forms with payment to:  
 Valley View Community Center  
 Youth Clinics  
 6828 Hathaway Road  
 Valley View, Ohio 44125

If you have questions, please contact Todd Von Ville at 524-9365

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_ M \_\_\_\_ F \_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address(es): \_\_\_\_\_

I/We, the parents or legal guardians of the above named child, hereby give you my/our approval for his/her participation in any of the activities of this Youth Basketball Clinic. I/We assume all risks and hazards incidental to the conduct of this clinic. I/We do further hereby release, absolve, indemnify, and hold harmless the Village of Valley View and the organizers of this event.

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

In case of emergency and I/We cannot be reached, please contact:

\_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Name/Relation \_\_\_\_\_ Basketball Clinic 2018



# Village Halloween Party

*When:*

*Sunday, October 28, 2018*

*2:00—4:00 p.m.*



*Where: Ksima Gardens*

*Who: All Village children,  
(Grandchildren too!)*

*Join us for spooky fun, great  
food and a magic show! Don't  
forget your costume.*

