

## **Your Recycling Questions Answered!**

### ***Why doesn't the City collect and resell used moving boxes?***

The city does recycle boxes. Each one needs to be disassembled and folded. If the pile is too large, boxes can be taken to the recycle area at the J.C. Elliott Transfer Station at Highway 286 and Ayers.

As a one-time service to new move-ins, residents can call the Call Center at 826-CITY (2489) to arrange for a pick-up of the moving boxes.

### ***Why doesn't the City pick up trash more than once a week to help avoid contamination?***

As much as we would like to offer more trash service, that would require an increase in solid waste collection charges, which most residents would probably not approve. However, if people recycle more, the amount of trash produced can be reduced.

### ***Why aren't local recycling center locations/recycling drop-off points more readily publicized?***

We have two recycling locations, Republic Services at 4414 Agnes Street and the J.C. Elliott Transfer Station on Hwy 286 and Ayers. We usually include the location and operating information in the Solid Waste Service Guides and on the City's website at [cctexas.com/recyclerright](http://cctexas.com/recyclerright).

### ***Are there any recycling drop off bins located throughout the City?***

There are two recycling locations, Republic Services at 4414 Agnes Street and the J.C. Elliott Transfer Station on Hwy 286 and Ayers. There are no recycling drop-off bins located throughout the City. However, this is a goal for the future of our recycling program.

### ***Why isn't there a recycling bin by every public trash bin?***

That is a great idea, but many times, it is not about offering the recycling bins, but more about finding a company to service them. Recycling must be handled and processed differently than trash. This is something that we will continue working on as it will help promote recycling in our community.

### ***What kinds of incentives or rewards are there for people to recycle?***

At the start of the recycling program, there was an incentive program in place. Unfortunately, the program was not readily utilized so it was discontinued. For now, there are no incentives other than wanting a cleaner planet and extending the life of our landfill.

### ***Why do we have to wait to find out which items are in the Dirty Dozen?***

We want to give each character equal time in the spotlight. We felt this would be the best way to highlight the specific recycling challenges of each member of the Dirty Dozen.

### ***Why doesn't the City recycle glass?***

The city does recycle glass, but it requires separate processing. Four glass recycling events are scheduled throughout the year. There are also two recycle drop-off locations (Republic Services at 4414 Agnes Street and the J.C. Elliott Transfer Station on Hwy 286 and Ayers). Because recyclables are usually handled by individuals and conveyor belts, glass is problematic for the machinery. It often breaks which makes it more difficult to process. Recycling glass separately is a much more efficient. The City's four collection events help make the recycling of glass much more manageable.

### ***Why doesn't the City recycle plastic bags?***

At the start of the recycling program, plastic bags were accepted. However, it was soon determined plastic bags pose a big problem with the machinery in the processing plant. Bags get tangled up in the gears and often halt the recycling process, costing both time and money. Also, to be recycled, plastic bags must be kept clean. When placed in the carts, bags are mixed with soda cans, water bottles, and other contaminants. Instead, plastic bags can be recycled by dropping them off at large retailers like Walmart and H.E.B., which have special plastic bag collection containers placed at their entrances.