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CITY ANNOUNCES SIGN UP PERIOD FOR CURBSIDE RECYCLING SERVICE

Atchison, Kansas – The wait is almost over for Atchison residents itching for a more convenient way to recycle. City officials have announced a sign up period for those wanting to participate in a new single-stream, curbside recycling collection service. The new service is offered at no additional charge, although recycling carts will only be issued to those residents that request the service. To sign up, visit www.cityofatchison.com/recycle or call the City Shop at 367-5561.

The City estimates that the average household could recycle about 50% of its total waste volume. Recyclable items include mixed papers, cardboards, plastics #1-7, and aluminum/tin cans. Items that cannot be accepted in curbside recycling include food wastes, yard wastes, shredded paper, clothing, electronics, plastic bags, Styrofoam, ceramics, and glass.

Residents signing up for the new service will keep their standard trash cart, which will still be used to dispose of all non-recyclable items, but will also be issued a standard recycling cart, which will be used to dispose of all recyclable items. Items in the trash cart should be bagged, while items for the recycling cart should be thrown directly into the cart without bagging. Trash will continue to be collected on a weekly basis, but the new recycling service will offer collection on an every-other-week schedule.

After collection, the single stream of recyclables are taken to a Material Recovery Facility (MRF) and sorted through a series of automated and manual sorting techniques. From there, the goods are marketed

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to the private sector for re-production into new products.

“I’m very pleased with the progress we’ve made in our Solid Waste Division over that past year”, said Director of Public Works and Utilities, Justin Pregont. “The implementation of the curbside recycling service is the final piece of that puzzle and we’re excited to get it up and running.”

Residents interested in signing up for the new service should do so by October 1st to guarantee that they receive a recycling cart in the first round of deliveries. City officials aim to have the new service up and running in January of 2015.