

**QUESTIONS?** 

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Dear Barnesville residents,

The City of Barnesville, in partnership with Fuchs Sanitation is excited to announce a new garbage tote system and curbside recycling!

When the contract with Fuchs came up for renewal, the Barnesville City Council took action to change to the garbage tote/curbside recycling program. Your weekly residential garbage collection will be picked up by a garbage truck with an automated arm that will pick up your new totes!

#### There are lots of reasons to LOVE the new Garbage Program!

- ✓ The large heavy-duty totes have wheels making it easier to take out your garbage every week.
- ✓ You will not be charged for the totes and they are heavy enough that they shouldn't blow down the street on garbage day!
- ✓ Single-sort curbside recycling makes it easier it recycle no need to have four different bins and trying to schedule time to get to the Recycling Center when it is open.

Fuchs will be delivering two totes: a 64-gallon brown garbage tote and a 96-gallon blue recycling tote to all single family residences.

This brochure explains in detail the new program. Please take time to read through each section. If after reviewing the information in this booklet you have any questions, please contact Fuchs Sanitation at 218.498.2875 or the City of Barnesville at 218.354.2292.

Sincerely,

Jason Rick Mavor

# What can I put in my RECYCLING TOTE?

With the new Curbside Recycling program, residents should only place the items listed below in their recycling tote. Food containers should be rinsed, but labels do not need to be removed. The sticker below will be permanently attached to your recycling tote for your easy reference!

Glass bottles and jars, phone directories, and fluorescent light bulbs can continue to be recycled at the Recycling Center.



# Can I still bring materials to the RECYCLING CENTER?

YES! The Barnesville Recycling Center located at 205 Front Street North will remain staffed and open from 12 Noon to 8 pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays and 8 am to 12 Noon on Saturdays. However, over the summer, we will begin the transition to a self-service center outside.

## Where do I put my GARBAGE TOTES for PICK-UP?

Fuchs will be in Barnesville every **FRIDAY** to pick up the garbage totes. The garbage collection will begin as early as 4:30 am. Residents should plan to place their totes out the night before.

Your new garbage tote will have the sticker on the right on the top of the lid. Be sure that the arrow faces the street. Totes should be placed no more than 2 feet from the back of the curb.



All objects must be a distance of 5 feet from the tote! Lid must CLOSE with nothing on top of the tote!

**<u>Reminder</u>**: Homes that currently have alley pick-up will switch to tote pick-up on the boulevard in front of your home.

# Be careful where you park on garbage day!



### What about LARGE ITEMS that don't fit in the TOTE?

As in the past, Barnesville residents will be able to dispose of large items by purchasing a special blue tag at City Hall. The cost for the tag depends on the specific items. Some items are listed below. Contact City Hall with questions on other items. Contact Fuchs to schedule pick-up of large items.

- **1 TAG \$10** Chair, recliner, love seat, twin mattress or box spring, small chest of drawers, box fan, vacuum, toilet, bathroom vanity
- **2 TAGS \$20** Couch, full mattress or box spring, queen mattress or box spring, swing set

# WHEN will this change happen?

The change to the new Garbage Collection Program will take place soon!

**Week of June 13** Fuchs Sanitation will deliver the new garbage totes and recycling totes. Pay special attention to where they are placed. The totes will be placed

exactly where you should place them every week!

**FRIDAY, June 24** Everyone should use their new garbage tote!

**FRIDAY, July 1** Homeowners in **ZONE 1**, see schedule below, should place their recycling tote out along with

should place their recycling tote out along with the garbage tote with 5 feet between the two totes.

FRIDAY, July 8 Homeowners in **ZONE 2**, see schedule below, should place their recycling tote out along with the garbage tote with 5 feet between the two totes.

Moving forward <u>your recycling collection</u> will be **every other week**. Watch for a schedule in your June utility bill from the City of Barnesville.

# **SCHEDULE for Recycling Totes**

**ZONE 1** Homes NORTH of 2nd Ave. SW/SE

## **2nd AVENUE**

**ZONE 2** Homes SOUTH of 2nd Ave. SW/SE

# **IMPORTANT CHANGES - New Garbage Collection!**

- ✔ EVERYONE'S Garbage Collection will be on FRIDAY!
- Fuchs will begin picking up totes at **4:30 am** you probably want to put your totes out the night before!
- If you currently have your garbage picked up on the alley, your collection will switch to in front of your home

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#### What sizes are the totes? Can I have a different size?

You will receive a 64 gallon brown tote for garbage and a 96 gallon blue tote for recycling. These are the only available sizes. A second tote is available for an additional monthly fee - contact Fuchs for cost.

#### How will I receive my garbage/recycling tote?

Fuchs Sanitation will drop off totes to each residence during the month of June. You will not be charged for your totes. Fuchs will own the totes. Totes damaged by Fuchs will be repaired or replaced. Other damage or lost totes are the responsibility of the homeowner.

### Can I put my name or address on my tote?

Your name should not be placed on your tote. You can place adhesive house numbers on your tote but do not spray paint your house number. Each tote has a unique number. You may want to write down that number to help you identify your tote.

## Will my garbage day change?

ALL garbage will be picked up in Barnesville on **FRIDAY**. If your garbage is currently picked up on Wednesday it will switch to Friday.

## Can I keep parking my vehicle on the street in front of my house?

Yes, but the vehicle should not be placed in the area where totes are placed If the truck does not have clear access to the tote, it will not be emptied. See diagram on page 6 for details.

## Will the fee for garbage services change?

There will be a small increase in the garbage fee that residents pay on their monthly utility bill. Effective with the bill you receive in May, the single family rate will increase to \$23.78, and the senior citizen rate will be \$22.24. Residents who are 65 or older can call City Hall at 218.354.2292 to receive the senior citizen rate.

## Will I still be able to purchase garbage tags for extra garbage?

Yes. Tags can still be purchased at City Hall and Barnesville Grocery.

## My garbage is currently picked up in the alley, will that change?

YES! Due to the size of the automated truck, all garbage will be picked up in the front of homes. When totes are delivered in June, Fuchs will place them in the approximate location where they are to be placed each week.

### I live in an apartment, will we have a recycling tote?

No. People living in apartments who wish to recycle should continue bringing their items to the Recycling Center.

## Will my recyclables be collected the same day?

Recyclables will be picked up every other Friday, see schedule on page 3.

#### When should I put out my garbage/recycling tote?

Totes should be placed at your collection location on Thursday 6 pm or later. Fuchs will begin collecting in Barnesville at 4:30 am on Friday.

### Where should I place my garbage/recycling tote?

Totes are to be placed five plus feet from any obstruction. Place at the end of the driveway, or on the boulevard no more than 2 feet behind the curb.

#### Where do I store my garbage/recycling tote?

Residents may choose to store totes inside their garage OR if you store them outside, please place them either at the side or back of your home or garage, with lids fully closed, in such a manner as to not create a nuisance condition. Totes are to be properly stored by 8 pm on the day of collection.

### Can I still use the recycling center?

Yes. The Recycling Center will remain open under the current schedule: Tuesdays and Thursdays from 12 -8 pm and Saturdays from 8 am - Noon.

#### How can I throw away my old garbage can?

Fuchs has agreed to pick up old garbage cans at no charge to residents. Watch for the announcement of that date.

## Can I opt out of the curbside recycling portion of the program?

Residents are not required to recycle, but every residence will receive a recycling tote. It is important to protect our environment - we would encourage residents to take advantage of this easy way to recycle!