Remember To Recycle During The Holidays

By BOURNE RECYCLING COMMITTEE

Wrapping paper (except foil) can go in with mixed paper either at curbside or at the residential recycling center. Christmas trees—minus decorations such as tinsel—go in with brush at the landfill. They are not picked up at the curb.

A sticker is required for access to the residential recycling center. The price for people ages 60 and older is $20 ($5 for a second sticker). All others are $30 ($10 for the second sticker.) Each family is allowed two stickers. Included are four stickers for free disposal of tires, TVs, mattresses and white goods. Stickers are on sale now.

Curbside recycling includes paper separated into four categories: newspapers, magazines and catalogs, mixed paper (mail and office paper), and cardboard (with a wavy middle layer); Metals—tin, steel and aluminum cans plus aluminum foil; Plastic bottles #1 and #2 with necks; and glass bottles. Paper should be dry and clean. Rinse and flatten cans and plastic bottles and flatten cardboard to save space on the trucks, which saves the town money.

The Bourne residential recycling center accepts a variety of items: chipboard (single layer, such as cereal boxes), refrigerators, grills, propane tanks, waste oil and oil filters, auto and marine batteries, as well as lithium and NiCad, tires, electronics (TVs, monitors, computers), boat wrap, cast iron, paint (April through October), mercury items, leaves and yard waste, brush/logs/stumps, asphalt/brick/concrete, construction demolition and debris, and garbage.

Deposit cans and bottles can be donated to help fund the Bourne Youth Baseball at a shed that they maintain. The new Dorothy's Swap Shop building takes items in good condition for reuse. Red Cross, Planet Aid and Salvation Army have receptacles there for bagged clothes and shoes.

Sand and compost are also available for use free of charge.

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