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PRESS RELEASE

Change to Recycling Program

The Municipality of Kingston is making a change to its recycling program effective Monday, February 1, due to sky-rocketing tipping fees.

No glass whatsoever will be accepted in curbside collection containers as of Monday, February 1.

Recycling is a commodity and the negative index for glass has increased tipping fees to \$100 per ton. The Municipality cannot sustain a viable recycling program when the cost to tip recycling is double that of garbage and solid waste. The Municipality is currently charged \$100 per ton to tip recycling compared to \$49 per ton for garbage and solid waste.

Even with removing glass from curbside collection containers, the Municipality will be charged a tipping fee of \$52.43 per ton for recycling, which is still more than it costs to tip garbage and solid waste.

In an effort to not shift any costs to our residents, the Municipality will accept glass, free of charge, by means of drop-off only. A drop-off container will be placed in the parking lot fronting the DPW Warehouse. Nothing other than glass can be placed in the drop-off container (no paper or plastic bags, cardboard containers, buckets, garbage bags, etc.) The drop-off container will be under 24-7 video surveillance. Any item placed in the container other than glass will be treated as illegal dumping.

The Municipality will be charged for hauling and tipping the glass placed in the container. Anything in the container other than glass is considered a contaminate and will cause the Municipality to incur excess contamination fees.

It is important to note that there are no changes whatsoever to the Municipality's recycling program other than the removal of glass from curbside collection containers. All other practices for the collection of garbage and recycling, in all zones, as shown on the annual calendar, remain unchanged.

Residents are prohibited from placing any garbage bags or other recyclable materials around the glass collection container or anywhere on Municipal Property. Any item placed around the container or on Municipal Property will be considered illegal dumping.

The Municipality of Kingston is treating the upcoming practice of removing glass from curbside collection containers as a temporary measure. We value our environment and take great pride in our recycling program. The establishment of a glass drop-off program is the only way at this time to continue full-scale recycling without increasing residential fees during a pandemic.

We appreciate your understanding and thank you all for making our community a great place to live.