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Curbside Glass Recycling and Collection of Electronic Trash Ends July 1

DUBUQUE, Iowa –The curbside collection of glass for recycling and the disposal of electronic items in the trash will end Friday, July 1, for City of Dubuque solid waste customers.

After July 1, Dubuque residents have four options to for glass food and beverage container disposal: redeeming Iowa five-cent beverage containers at local retailers, taking containers to Dittmer Recycling, 1755 Radford Rd., or Dubuque Metropolitan Area Solid Waste Agency (DMASWA) Landfill, 14501 Highway 20 West, or disposing of glass in your residential refuse container. Glass is an inert, non-toxic material and will be landfilled.

The Dubuque City Council voted to drop glass from the City's curbside recycling program in April 2011 after a policy change by the Dubuque Metropolitan Area Solid Waste Agency (DMASWA). This policy change was supported by a DMASWA-commissioned report that showed the current practice of curbside glass collection for recycling in the DMASWA planning area as unsustainable.

Also, as of July 1, Dubuque's solid waste customers will no longer be allowed to dispose of electronic items in their trash. Green stickers on electronic items will also be unacceptable. All unwanted electronics accepted must be recycled through the DMASWA or area electronics retailers.

Electronics are defined as anything with a circuit board and/or cathode ray tube (CRT or "picture tube.") Examples include: computer monitors and CPUs, cell phones, televisions, printers, DVD players, and VCRs.

Effective July 1, monitors, small televisions, and laptop computers under 27" will be accepted for recycling at the landfill for \$5 each, larger televisions and monitors 27" and over for \$10 each, and console televisions for \$15 each. There will be no charge for all other electronics and accessories. A one-time amnesty for Dubuque and Delaware county residents to recycle electronics at no charge is being offered at the DMASWA Landfill from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. through June 25.

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