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# NEWS RELEASE

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## **City Recycling Program Expanded**

DUBUQUE, Iowa –Dubuque residents can now recycle even more materials.

The Dubuque Metropolitan Area Solid Waste Agency has signed a contract for 2008 with a new recycling processor, Dittmer Recycling.

The new contract means Dubuque residents can now recycle plastics coded 1-5 and 7 as well as clean metal, such as pots, pans, stainless steel, copper, brass, and aluminum. Common plastic materials that can now be recycled include yogurt cups, microwave trays, and plastic flower pots.

City of Dubuque solid waste collection staff will still collect recycling materials through the City's curbside program, but Dittmer Recycling will now receive and manage those materials at the former Allied Waste / BFI facility at 1755 Radford Road. Residents can still use the same yellow recycling bins and the same restrictions apply: bundled or boxed materials set outside the bin must not exceed three feet in length and the bins and bundles cannot weigh more than 40 pounds each.

Materials that still cannot be recycled through the program include: any plastic without a number inside the recycling symbol, plastics coded #6 (mainly Styrofoam), plastic egg cartons, plastic bags and film wrap, toys, laundry and storage containers, syringes and needles, orange prescription bottles, unsanitary containers, paint and chemical cans, aerosols cans, oil filters, and batteries.

For more information, contact the City of Dubuque Public Works Department at 589-4250 or [publicworks@cityofdubuque.org](mailto:publicworks@cityofdubuque.org).

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