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CITY TO IMPLEMENT RECYCLING CHANGES ON MAY 11

Effective Sunday, May 11, the City of Marquette will implement minor changes to curbside collection of residential recyclables.

Recyclable materials must be divided into two separate streams – fiber materials and rigid materials – which will be collected on alternating weeks at the same time as curbside garbage collection.

Fiber materials include papers, newspapers, magazines, envelopes, books, cardboard materials, paper bags and other similar items. Rigid materials are plastic, metal and glass materials, and include everything from food and drink containers to CD cases and hard plastic toys.

What can't be recycled must go to the landfill. The City encourages residents to divert as much as possible from the landfill, through recycling, composting and re-use. For instance, plastic bags won't be accepted through the City program, but can be re-used at home or returned to some local stores for recycling. Similarly, many organic materials can be composted rather than thrown in the trash bin. Items that can't be recycled curbside include foams, films, photo paper, food- or grease-coated items, bubble envelopes and organic materials.

Additional information about the recycling program can be found online at www.mqtcorecycling.com, or on the City's website at www.mqtcty.org/pworks-recycle.php.

In order to address any questions or concerns related to these changes, the City will host three public forums during the first week of May. City staff will be on-hand to explain the new system and to answer any questions from residents.

The forums are scheduled as follows:

Monday, May 5 – 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the Peter White Public Library's Shiras Room

Tuesday, May 6 – 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Peter White Public Library's Shiras Room

Wednesday, May 7 – 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the Marquette Commons

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