



ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT DIVISION

MEMORANDUM

TO: Bruce Walden, Chief Administrative Officer
FROM: Bill Gray, Public Works Director
Rod Fletcher, Environmental Manager
DATE: July 2, 2002
RE: Commercial Recycling, 3rd Report

Action Requested

None at this time.

Background

Staff has met and discussed various options as we proceed with development of this program. Among those items, is creation of a focus group. This group would be made up of representatives from the hauling perspective, businesses, staff and interested council members. This group would act as a sounding board of possible program options and help facilitate business/government relationships on this topic.

Secondly, a questionnaire has been developed, a copy attached, that will be sent to Urbana businesses to help better understand the level of current commercial recycling, to solicit focus group members, and to provide information for the focus group to consider. It is anticipated that the questionnaire will be mailed out by the end of July and approximately 3-4 weeks later to compile the responses for consideration. Also attached is a fact sheet of commercial/business recycling that will also be sent along with the questionnaire – its purpose is to communicate the positive impact of recycling to the business community.

Staff will be present to address any council comments regarding the direction outlined here.

**City of Urbana
Commercial Recycling Questionnaire**

Summer 2002

Business Name: _____

Telephone: _____

Address: _____

email: _____

Owner: _____

Contact: _____

Number of people employed at this location _____

1. Would you be interested to serve on a focus group to look at the possible development of a commercial recycling program for Urbana businesses? Yes No

2. What 3 materials comprise the bulk of wastes that are generated at your business ?

1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____

3. Has on-site recycling ever been provided to business listed above that you own/manage?

Yes, currently provided. How Long? More than one year Less than one year

Materials Collected:

- | | | |
|---------------------------------------|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aluminum | <input type="checkbox"/> Rubber products | <input type="checkbox"/> Cardboard |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Steel (tin) | <input type="checkbox"/> PETE plastic | <input type="checkbox"/> Wood products (pallets, etc.) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other metals | <input type="checkbox"/> HDPE plastic | <input type="checkbox"/> Paper fibers (office paper, etc.) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Glass | <input type="checkbox"/> Other plastic _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Oils/grease <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

Yes, but stopped. Reason stopped? _____

No. Any Reason? _____

Current Recycling Service - if applicable

Current Hauler: _____

How are materials collected: Separated by material type or Commingled

(A) Container size [in cubic yards or gallons]	(B) Number of Containers	(C) Number of pickups per month	(D) Volume per Month [=AxBxC]	(E) Cost per Month
Totals				

Are there other materials that you would like to recycle? _____

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4. Which of the following options would you prefer to establish a commercial recycling program?

- ÿ Haulers be required to provide service to all businesses by ordinance.
 - ÿ Business owners to be required to have service provided by ordinance.
 - ÿ Single City contractor to provide service with cost paid by business owners.
 - ÿ Other_____
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Comments

This section is for any general statements your business may have about the feasibility of a commercial recycling program.

Thank you for your time!
This information will be useful as development of a commercial recycling program is considered.

Please return this questionnaire by:
Fax: 217 384-2400 or in the self addressed stamped envelope.

If you have any questions, please call Rod Fletcher, Environmental Manager at 384-2381.

Recycling Fact Sheet

Commercial/Business Sector

Haven't ever thought of recycling as important ?
Just check these facts out !



In 2000, 35% of all municipal wastes were recycled in Illinois, almost double the rate in 1994 !



More than 30,000 Illinois businesses are recycling !



Recycling is an industry and plays a significant role in the state economy:

2412 recycling/reuse firms,
56,000 people are employed,
\$1.8 Billion in annual payroll,
\$12.6 Billion in gross annual receipts,
\$269 Million in state and local taxes.

[Information taken from the Illinois Recycling Economic Information Study,
performed by R.W. Beck, for Illinois DCCA, December 2001.]



The demand by Illinois manufacturing establishments for recovered materials exceeds current state availability and materials must be imported !



Implementing additional recycling efforts to reach a 50% recycling rate in the state will add 12,000 jobs in the Illinois recycling industry and an additional 14,000 in the broader Illinois economy !



Every item in the trash costs a business money 3 times – first to buy it, second to inventory/handle it, and third to discard it ! Why pay for an item 3 times ? Try recycling... it may reduce your disposal costs !



Businesses pay for disposal capacity (volume of a container), whether its used or not. Are you paying for airspace ? Maybe recycling could pay you dividends !

Recycling ! Collecting commodities today for tomorrow's products !