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City of Lambertville Commits to Same Day Trash and Recycling Program

Lambertville residents will soon not have to consult two separate schedules to remember when to put their recycling curbside.

At the governing body's regularly scheduled session on Tuesday, December 6, Mayor David DelVecchio and the City Council supported a proposal from Acting Public Works Director Lester Myers to initiate same-day pickup for trash and recycling starting January 1, 2012.

The new program will eliminate the need for two schedules, provide weekly recycling pick-up and limit conflicts due to Monday holidays.

Mayor DelVecchio said he hopes the new service schedule will make it easier for residents to recycle, and in doing so reduce the amount of trash collected.

"Any time we can recycle instead of sending trash to the landfill is a good thing, not just for our environment, but also for our bottom line," said DelVecchio.

Starting with the January 3, 2012 pick-up, residents and business owners participating in the City's Garbage and Recycling Collection will be able to place their garbage and recycling at the curb for pick-up on the same day as their regular schedule.

To ensure smooth implementation of the new program, the City is asking residents to properly mark their containers so they are easily identified. Residents are asked to purchase or utilize containers that are properly marked "Recycling" for this purpose.

The recycling center does not accept plastic bags.

The new program continues the City's commitment to creating a more sustainable community. Throughout 2011, the City conducted an energy audit, upgraded City Hall from oil to gas heat, upgraded the Justice Center's HVAC system, and installed energy efficient lighting in all municipal buildings. The City also funded an upgrade from electric heat to gas heat at the Free and Public Library. Mayor DelVecchio stated the City is looking into LED street lights for 2012.

For additional information about the Same Day Trash and Recycling Program, please visit the City's website at www.lambertvillenj.org.