

## City of Lambertville

### Same Day Trash and Recycling Proposal

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To: David M. DeVecchio – Mayor, Council President Stegman,  
Councilwoman Asaro, Councilman Sanders, and Councilwoman Warner.  
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From: Acting Public Works Director Myers

Earlier this year, the Public Works Department picked up the recycling and garbage from the residents and businesses of the City of Lambertville on the regularly scheduled garbage pick-up day. We utilized two trucks and we were able to complete the entire tasks daily in a four hour time period with little to no difficulties.

I have given a great deal of consideration to this proposal, obtained input from the Public Works Staff, David Burd, and the City Clerk. The following is a description of the program, an outline of the pros and cons for your review and consideration.

**Proposal:** Starting January 3, 2012, the Public Works Department will begin with a Same Day Garbage and Recycling Collection. We will log all problems, retain schedules, and provide Mayor and Council with an update at the February 21, 2012 session on the success and problems experienced how they were addressed and our request to continue or amend the program.

**Program Description:** Residents and businesses currently participating in the City's garbage and recycling program would place their recycling containers and garbage to the curb on the same day.

***Residents and Businesses benefit in the following ways:***

1. Weekly recycling pick up
2. Increase in recycling, decrease in garbage
3. Limits the holiday conflicts
4. One schedule to follow

***The City will benefit in the following ways:***

1. Increase in the recycling means an increase in revenue
2. Decrease in the garbage means a decrease in appropriations
3. Allows for flexibility of Public Works staff and an increase in maintenance time for vehicles, City property, storm drains, etc.
4. By using the large garbage truck for recycling and the smaller truck for garbage pick-up, we will be limiting the trips to the recycling center

***There are cons associated with this plan and they are as follows:***

1. An additional cost of approximately \$806.75 annually for the driver's salary and additional fuel required to run two trucks
2. This plan is dependent on the availability of the Inmates

Contingencies:

Equipment: We currently have three garbage trucks. We plan to use two trucks on Tuesdays through Fridays. This will allow us to complete the maintenance on equipment and provide a back-up should one break down.

Inmates: When inmates are not available, we will revert back to the use of our full time Public Works Employees; prioritize the work load with garbage pick up being the first priority.

The Public Works Department is in favor of changing to the Same Day Trash and Recycling Collection. We understand that there will be times when we experience a delay and the focus of the program will continue to be garbage collection.

Respectfully submitted,

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