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## Survey Results: Recycling Service

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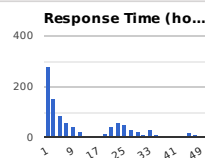
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# 962

**Total Participants**

633 of 959 initially invited (66%)  
329 others  
Margin of error:  $\pm 3\%$

Applied Filter:  
**Locals only**  
Participants for filter:  
**669**

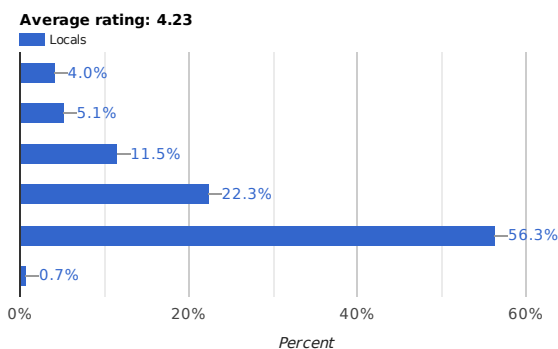


Started:  
**Dec 9, 2019 9:47am**  
Ended:  
**Dec 11, 2019 9:41am**  
Target Participants:  
**All Stillwater**

### Q1 How important is it to you that Stillwater offers a recycling service?

(668 responses by locals)

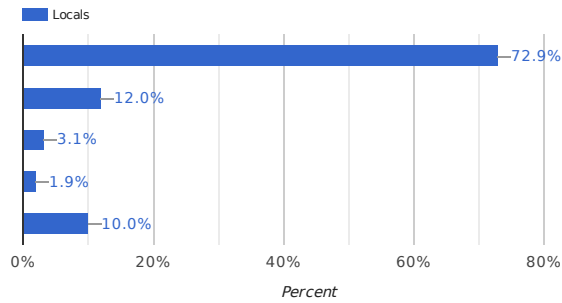
Options	Locals (668)
Not At All Important (1)	4.0% (27)
Slightly Important (2)	5.1% (34)
Moderately Important (3)	11.5% (77)
Very Important (4)	22.3% (149)
Extremely Important (5)	56.3% (376)
Not Sure	0.7% (5)



### Q2 About how often do you use the weekly curbside recycling service in Stillwater?

(669 responses by locals)

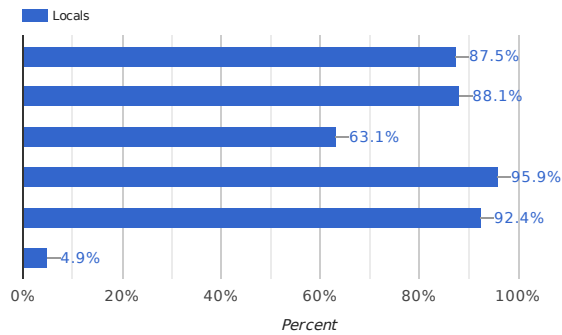
Options	Locals (669)
Once a week	72.9% (488)
Once every two weeks	12.0% (80)
Once a month	3.1% (21)
Less than once a month	1.9% (13)
I don't use it (don't have a cart, not in service area, etc.)	10.0% (67)



### Q3 Which of the following materials do you regularly recycle, if any? (Choose all that apply)

(590 responses by locals)

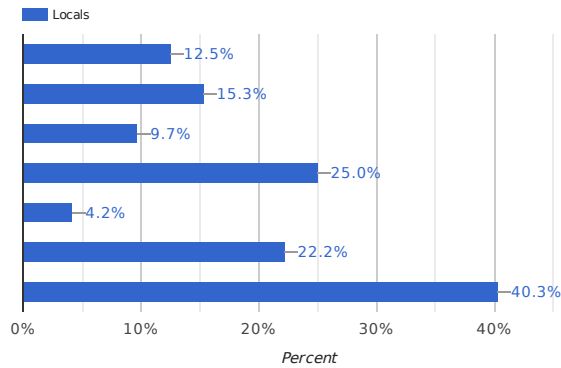
Options	Locals (590)
Magazines/Paper	87.5% (516)
Aluminum/Metal Cans	88.1% (520)
Glass	63.1% (372)
Cardboard	95.9% (566)
Plastic (No. 1, 2 and 5)	92.4% (545)
Other:	4.9% (29)



### Q4 Why don't you use the curbside recycling service? (Choose all that apply)

(72 responses by locals)

Options	Locals (72)
Don't generate enough recyclables	12.5% (9)
Too annoying to rinse and clean things for recycling	15.3% (11)
Don't think recycling is actually a good idea	9.7% (7)
Bring recycling to the collection center myself	25.0% (18)
Didn't know about the curbside recycling service	4.2% (3)
Don't live in the Stillwater recycling service area	22.2% (16)
Other:	40.3% (29)



without based curbside take want landfill  
 actually complex trash kept  
 put access bin  
 apartment dumpster  
 city items  
 bags use  
 goes contain service live  
 My apartment contracts garbage through a private company.  
 waste center cart plastic offer yard  
 I live in an apartment and do not have recycle bins

Suspect paper, glass, and plastics end up in landfill because no demand for these recycle materials

Stillwater put recycling in competition with yard waste. I need more yard waste pick up.

Live in apt

We actually use a dumpster at our home-based business

My cart was stolen and never replaced by the city

I live at an apartment complex that does not offer it.

To time consuming to separate items & to have multiple trash cans isn't wanted.

I live in a condo, don't get single carts

I live in apartments serviced by a dumpster. I have tried to get a recycling cart but get bs

I live in apartment

Not economical, this wastes limited resources. Toxic items are different, though

Most of the trash goes to China & I refuse to help them. If was kept here I would think about it.

Live in an apartment without a recycling bin accessible.

We did the recycling for a long time and kept getting perfect recycling then all of the sudden said

Live in downtown loft, not part of service here

Once heard the recycling center here is a gimmick, it all goes to the same place as garbage anyways

Takes too much time

I live in an apartment complex.

My apartment complex (apple creek) doesn't offer any recycling services.

Don't have room on curb for trash bin and recycling bin, we take our recycling to center ourselves

I live in an apartment complex and it's not an option

Very few items are actually recyclable.

I live in an apartment complex, and there is no curbside recycling.

Recycling service does not come to apartment complex

live in apt with dumpster without individual recycle and trash.

Can't figure out what is recycled. Too confusing.

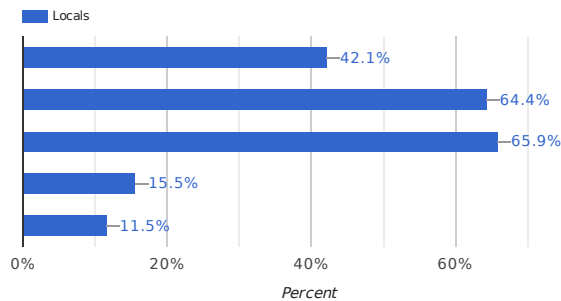
Wife put too many plastic bags and lost service

approximately \$700,000 per year, so the City is exploring ways to make sure recycling value and costs stay in line.

Which of the following statements do you AGREE with, if any? (Choose all that you AGREE with)

(651 responses by locals)

Options	Locals (651)
I would be fine with paying more to keep recycling every week	42.1% (274)
I would be fine with a service reduction from every week to every-other-week	64.4% (419)
I would be fine with a service change from single-stream to dual-stream (where I have to put paper into one cart and plastics into another cart)	65.9% (429)
I would be fine with not having the recycling service	15.5% (101)
I would support:	11.5% (75)



material bins items convenient much available container  
bigger prefer keep curbside take increase  
long city plastic service pickup eliminate regular  
collected trash stream paper  
adding option cart use like help  
apartment week center cost glass metal  
Not dying of global warming and pollution because it "costs too much" to not die  
month change fee reduction program pay support  
efforts to keep/improve recycling

More plastic recycling options as well styrofoam.

Pickup only materials there is commercial demand for. For example, aluminum cans, steel cans

adding other items such as styrofoam and plastic #s 3, 4, & 6

Cost increase should be less than \$1 and should be paid by all Trash service subscribers

More education on how to efficiently recycle and incentives for bus. to go biodegradable

A service reduction would demand a much bigger cart for us.

Pay the increased costs, but use misappropriated funds instead of adding a new tax...

I would support additional yard waste pickup. THAT is definitely recyclable/compostable.

I'm not sure I understand. My recycling is every other week already, and we already divide it.

Pay to play; additional fee for customers who do recycle. Let those who use it fund it.

Ending glass recycling. I don't think that many people do it.

small fines for repeated attempts to recycle not accepted items found in audits

You must incentivize citizens to do the hardest part. Proper sorting and cleaning of materials at h

Options that lower costs (if any)

I would support every-other-week pick up that also includes picking up glass recyclables.

More awareness about other recyclable materials. whether for a fee or thru other organization.

Having a service that didnt involve greater cost if it required every other week

Recyclables using same cart different weeks for different recyclables. Plastic 1st wk, paper 2nd wk
I think it would be great to have a more specific divided stream service if that would save \$
Not recycling paper, and only recycling plastics, metals, and plastics.
I support all of these to some degree. So in terms of what I'd prefer: 1) every other week service;
Having the "convenience" center open more reasonable hours and/or Sunday/Mondays.
I strongly prefer curbside recycling, but would use a manned drop off site if that's all we had.
pick-up every other week would be okay if other options are not available.
Recycling for apartments
A third stream for aluminum and cans
Researching how recycled plastics can be used domestically and tapping into those markets.
expanding the current recycling service so more items can be collected.
Service reduction with a bigger cart. We use it all.
I don't have a problem with completely separating all recycleable types into their own containers.
Expanded recycling options (including e.g. plastics besides the ones we currently recycle)
the recommendations made by the recycling mogul from tulsa
Adding non-recyclers tax on apartment resident
A city ban or fee for plastic bags, designed to reduce their appearance in the recycling stream
Eliminate glass and plastic curbside &/or convenience center
Keeping recycling with no extra fees. If we have to eliminate plastic all together then fine.
Increased recycling (more plastics, glass)
Keeping recycling so that this town contributes to supporting the only planet we have.
plastic recycling only as plastic takes forever to degrade.
being supplied with a small container for 125 plastics.
the recycling centers for drop-offs
More recycling centers and less curbside pickup. Maybe a household must generate a certain amount.
I need a bigger recycling cart. Can we get more than 1?
This is not long enough to say much -- it should be longer if you really wanted opinons.
None of the above
Changing the service, and only increasing costs as a last resort.
Most plans for recycling, whatever they may be
A bi-monthly pickup for residential. Weekly for businesses.
Not having recycling service if cost exceeds cost of regular trash disposal
Bringing back recycle areas that are accessible besides the one on Perkins Road
Recycling only paper & cardboard
having a regular (more than once a month)
Recycling only paper, cardboard, and metal. Plastic causes too much confusion and contamination.
Leaving the recycling program as is.
Elimination of glass recycling.
Waste to energy effort like other Oklahoma communities have.
Putting it to a city wide vote
Thoughtful analysis of the efficacy of recycling - is it truely a reduction in env impact?
dual-stream if we receive a third cart.
Taxpayer rewards/rebates for using the Convenience Collection Center
Reduction WITH big bins that can hold 2 weeks of recycling
A guarantee that the recycling company is actually recycling the material. If we are paying extra,
drive by recyle bins
Question: "...approximately \$700,000 per year..." is that for curbside recycling only?
donating money to help pay for citizens who cannot afford pay recycling fees

KEEP the program! It is mark of a poorly run city to lose it and says we don't care about theEarth

This is one of the most important services the city provides. I appreciate that we have it.

I would appreciate it very much if we kept the recycling program. It is extremely important to me and my S.O. that the program continues. We must make any effort we can to keep the community and environment clean and re-use what we can.

Thanks!

My home is small. Separating paper and plastic items would not be possible for me.

Not necessarily recycling but if Stillwater could help fund an actual bulk store(not just sprouts) it would drastically help reduce waste and help with recycling by letting people not have to buy new items to recycle. Somewhere where we can buy basics like laundry/dish soap or bulk food items where there could be a refilling station where we can bring in our own jars to refill instead of buying a brand new bottle would make so many things better.

Please try to keep the service.

I have just spent 2 WEEKS WITHOUT yard waste pickup. It is FALL. LEAVES!!!! Need yard waste pickup this time of year.

Do not want to see price raised at all for this service. I am a senior citizen on fixed income.

I would support a composting service also to recycle food waste

Please keep recycling service. We don't recycle to make money but to help the environment. I don't mind separating the recycling materials. I would love for you to accept plastic #4 again.

Waste of money for return

When a holiday (Thanksgiving) occurs one week and the next week is glass recycling, don't skip two weeks of yard waste pickup.

If recyclable materials end up in the landfills anyway, how responsible is the government for going through the motions to fulfill some folks need to be socially affluent? Paying fees for a program that does not achieve it's goal is reckless and does not serve the citizens' need for financial responsible government.

How much would ending the glass recycling program reduce the deficit? Not all recyclables are valued the same.

I love the recycling program. My recycling cart is always full whereas my trash has now been reduced to one bag a week. I make sure to check all my plastics and only recycle what is supposed to be in there, I hate that a minority who seem to think it's their 2nd trash cart could ruin the program for everyone else.

Not cost effective

I would support every-other-week pick up that also includes picking up glass recyclables every-other-week instead of just once a month.

Look into the viability of using the old World Color Press building as a transfer station. And as a location for city-operated recycling of yard waste.

Please do not get rid of recycling in Stillwater! I think it is one of the things that makes our quality of living higher than any of the surrounding areas.

Everyone should pay for recycling. Make a universal fee. Those fees need to add up to our current costs. For those that choose to self sort (dual, triple stream) they should qualify for a discount based on good behavior. Also allow for people to deliver their recyclables themselves to the managed facility. Those people get an even bigger discount because they are saving the cost of transportation.

Is there an opportunity to create businesses in Stillwater to utilize the recyclable materials, rather than rely on world demand to determine prices/ cost effectiveness?

It would be a crime not to keep recycling services!

Recycling is very difficult living in apartments in Stillwater. Our carts end up grouped together and people frequently put their garbage in my recycling bin, which causes issues (getting carts taken away). Now I use glass recycling and the convenience center, but getting there during open hours is difficult. It would be nice to find a way to get landlords of apartments to help lead the charge in some way and/or to have at least one 24 hour drop off location.

There are so many ways to get usable materials to where they can be processed. I would love to hear more talk about how our community can support organizations that view all methods of recycling as a responsibility.

I think curbside recycling is a very good practice and I am proud Stillwater offers it.

I hope we continue to have the service as it drastically reduces what we send to the landfill from our home.

This city needs to step up their game. Stillwater is falling behind. This can be seen in the quality of roadwork, to the catering to "special" organizations (bike lanes etc.). Learn to prioritize things on importance, enhance the quality of services and it will enhance the quality of people. Stop being just another place on the map. Care about the community and it will care for the city. As of right now, without the college, Stillwater would be a nowhere town.

Just don't increase my costs for Recycling Service. I would prefer to take my recycling to 7th and Perkins than to pay more for curbside.

Please do not restrict recycling! Our city already uses so much styrofoam, which goes right to the landfill. There has to be a reasonable workable solution to this instead of eliminating the service. Thanks for your work on this!

Please keep it but find a way for it to be cost effective. Once every 2 to 3 weeks for collection would work for us if it results in a reduction of the City's costs. Thanks.

once a month

Add recycling dumpsters to apartment complexes and only accept plastics, metals, and glass.

I would like to see it more readily accessible in all public locations around Stillwater. Mainly, it would be nice to see recycling more enforced.

In today's world, recycling is essential.

Well. That wouldn't let me list my preferences in order, so I'm going to try it here~ 1) every other week; 2) paying more to keep it as is; 3) dual stream (with info about where aluminum would go); and lastly, not having it. I strongly prefer having it, but I do understand the cost concerns with recycling today.

If you end up canceling all recycling services, I expect a significant reduction in my bill. In other words, you've asked these questions without giving even ballpark figures. An increase of 100% sounds like a lot. But if it's a 50 cent charge changing to a \$1 charge, then who cares. If it's a \$10

charge changing to a \$20 charge, then there's cause for discussion.
Please keep recycling!! It is very important to me and many others in the community.
Wish glass was in with the other recycling
Clearer instructions about what can and can't go in would be super helpful. I'm never sure about things like milk cartons, for example.
The plastic recycling is confusing and sometimes makes it harder than it is worth. I have always thought of plastics as being recyclable, but I guess plastic trash bags are not.
It is pitiful our City is incapable of figuring out recycling. It is not a new thing.
I wish you offered service to apartment complexes and other sites. Hauling to the center is ridiculous
Think bigger than our boots. How about we build an industrial incinerator in the area and become a collection center for all of Oklahoma. Generate community income for taking the trash of others and put energy back into the grid as we mitigate the problem. Seemingly unachievable ideas will be needed to achieve the future few people dare to dream.
Please consider offering Styrofoam recycling as well
I find it asinine to even explore reducing recycling. The technology and capabilities are easily and readily available and should be used. If costs need to be cut the costs should come from a reduction in payroll of the city employees that are being paid waaaaaaaay above their output. ie, when I worked for the parks department, employees were making \$20/hour to weedeat about 4 hours a week. Sons of those employees are still employed and make even more now I'm sure.
I really love our recycling program and think that it is so important. Please don't get rid of it.
I like the sticker reminding residents "no plastic bags". To encourage shoppers to bring their own bags to the store, here's what I've seen in some parts of the world: cashiers ask shoppers if they need shopping bags. In these places, reusable bags are always available for a small fee at the cash register. Free, flimsy bags are available, but the LEAST encouraged option.
If we rely on people to take their recycling to the center in their own vehicles, many people, myself included, will not do it.
Please maintain this critical service, along with strong encouragement for general reduction in consumption and increased use of reusable containers/bags in Stillwater businesses and other establishments!
Recycling is a very important part of protecting our environment. The city of Stillwater needs to do all that it is possible to continue this extremely helpful service.
Please keep recycling options around!
thank you for seeking community input, and thinking of solutions short of discontinuing service! This is an important action for many of us, who are trying to be more ecologically responsible.
It needs to be more widely available. I don't recycle because it is extremely inconvenient to me at the moment but if it was available at my home that would be a different story
Please continue the curbside recycling program. It is a great advantage to have this program as it reduces the amount of trash and helps better our environment. Curbside recycling allows an easy option for those that are disabled and unable to take things to the recycling center. Also, it has been a great improvement to the Boomer Lake area, when the recycling drop off was there it was always dirty with trash.
When figuring cost, please deduct the tipping fees for the landfill from recyclables not sent there.
Please don't stop curbside pick up of recycling! I moved here when we did not have it and it was so complicated and confusing. It is so wonderful to have. I certainly could manage to have it every other week without any problems.
Make it so apartments can recycle easier. If necessary, have people sort their recycling to prevent cross contamination. People who use thre drop off already have to do this.
I so appreciate the service! Anything I can do to keep it, if cost is not too high I'm all for!
I am glad we offer recycling in our community. I support ways to save money yet keep it
If you get rid of recycling or make it an optional pay service, I would expect you to go back to the twice weekly pickup schedule for trash like you used to have.
Wish the schools could recycle their lunch containers. Wish there was a styrofoam option. Wish we had a payment for businesses who generate most trash/non-recyclable products. For example have Walmart pay a fee for using plastic bags and not encouraging other options.
Please keep our recycling program and focus on educating the public how to accurately recycle.
Given that the science is extremely clear that we are facing a climate apocalypse, it feels pretty scary that the city is considering rolling back recycling. I'd like to see the city support more visionary approaches to helping Stillwater become greener!
I appreciate being supplied with bins for recycling. Also I appreciate repairs and/or replacement of damaged bins.
Separating plastics from other recycled materials might allow for more plastics to be recycled. Currently, some plastic containers are not marked, so they have to go into the regular trash cart.
I would rather have to pay more and have recycling then wind up paying more and not have it. I love curbside but can go back to taking it to the convenience center. Are you considering shutting that down too?
Our recycling cart is full each week. We are open to any other possibilities the city is exploring. We appreciate you finding solutions this problem.
I am worried that recycling is not actually doing any good now that China does not purchase our debris. Can the city confirm that our recycling program is properly handling our materials?
I want my recycling.
We use about half of our recycling cart volume every week. If we had no recycling service, that recycling volume would undoubtedly end up in the trash. In general, we'd gladly go to greater pains to separate streams if that's what it took to make recycling work. It's working fine for us with glass, for example.



This should not cost us more and if it comes down to that we need the choice to opt out.

The addition of recycling has been one of the biggest improvements to Stillwater in the past 10 or so years.

Recycling is absolutely essential to maintain our community. While some cost-cutting measures may be acceptable we cannot tolerate a reduction in service. If costs are increasing funds will need to be appropriated from elsewhere or a tax rate hike should be enforced. Our community should consider expanding recycling services and we should ask the community to re-affirm our commitment to preserving the environment.

Please keep the recycling program

I would also be willing to pay more in order to expand the recycling offerings to more materials.

Recycling shouldn't just be a residential thing. There should be support for businesses that want to recycle too, since they often generate more waste. Also, it would be nice to know how costly/profitable each recyclable type is.

I LOVE having curbside recycling and find it very important

I would very happily sort my recycling into multiple compartments based on type of item and pay more for weekly recycling services! Although I would be substantially inconvenienced by a reduction of the curbside collection service to once every two weeks, this would be better than nothing! I would love to be able to recycle more types of plastic and other materials (e.g. food waste). I would benefit from easier access to information (and regular updates/reminders) regarding what can and cannot be recycled. I would also benefit from extended opening hours at the convenience center and/or more unmanned drop-offs around town. I care deeply about recycling and would be bitterly disappointed to see the curbside collection discontinued. It would be a step in the wrong direction, in every sense. I am willing to pay what it will cost to keep the service going.

PLEASE keep the curbside option! I will gladly pay more, nag my neighbors and sort my recycling.

allow glass to go into the carts... college kids use a lot of glass bottles

I realize there is a problem with people using their carts as second trash cans. One solution was to remove recycling from transient student housing altogether. I happen to live in such "transient student housing" for years in the same spot and would like a recycling cart but don't have access to one because my apt is serviced by a dumpster. The system should be flexible enough to address situations where people want to recycle but can't and people who don't care spoil the situation for the rest of us.

Recycling is too important to our environment to give up please keep this program going

I really hate to see us go backwards on this! I think the dual stream will be the death knell of it - most people will not drag two containers out to the street. I would rather see us go back to having to take glass recycling to the center than to see the current single-stream system go down. We've already cut back on the plastics you will accept. I think we are at bare bones right now. :(

Education is important but eliminating all plastics from curbside needed? Enough room at convenience center to sort with self drop off ?

Investing in a local city or county owned processing plant for recycling may be not only beneficial but profitable in the future.

Enhanced compliance inspections

Quit picking up yard waste like limbs and trees and leaves it is a waste of money and space in the landfill it's not garbage charge people extra for having to pick up yard waste and you will have all the money you want it's stupid and a waste of money

Love it and hope it continues!

Since there is not an option for 2 trash receptacles. Recycling every week is the best option at our current fees. If we have to eliminate plastics all together then so be it. But a definite no to a fee increase.

I would like to keep the recycling but would like to see the city's cost reduced.

The quality of our environment and world is at stake. Please do what you need to do to keep this vital program and encourage others to participate. Since we started having the recycling receptacles, what I am contributing to the regular trash service is less than half of what I did previously. I would be in favor of part of my fee from trash service going to the recycle program. Another option could be reducing trash service to every other week and keeping recycling a weekly service.

Twice a month, separate stream recycling seems like it could be a better long term solution, reducing collection costs (via frequency reduction) while also (hopefully) reducing contamination. Personally I would not have a problem separating further. We already do this with glass pickup, so another bin or two won't really be a problem. Thank you!

Keep it.

Recycling is very important for our health and for living a sustainable lifestyle. Canceling recycling will not only affect negatively the lives of the city's citizens but it will make Stillwater look like a city that is going backwards.

I've heard conflicting reports about what can be recycled. Some say all paper and 1, 2, and 5 plastics. Others say only cardboard should be recycled. I'd like to see this clarified.

City and Payne County need to consider a tax or deposit on all single use plastic and styrofoam materials, cartons, cups, eating utensils, plates, bags, etc to encourage the use of reusable, discouraging single use plastics.

If they want it pay for it if not do away with it.

Drop the program it is false economy and ecology.

I think there should be more responsibility on the user to make sure we recycle correctly to reduce the cost. You should create educational videos that are fun and easy to digest. People don't know how to recycle, they also think it's the end all solution to our waste problem.

My husband and I moved back to Stillwater last year after more than a decade away. Services like curbside recycling were a motivation for us to return.

I am confused about recycling old coat hangers, metal lids, license plates, etc

It would be difficult to switch to every other week because we generate so much recycling, but if that's what it took to save the program, sure.

Our planet counts on us to do the right thing, there is no plan B.

Maybe a household or business needs to generate a certain amount of recyclables to qualify for curbside service. Everyone else must take it to the recycling center. It could create an incentive for households to recycle. I also think there could be more promotion and support from the community.

The only reason I would be hesitant to go to an every other week recycling pickup would be remembering what week it is and potentially missing a pickup.

I believe recycling is an easy but extremely important way each of us can contribute to a healthier and more sustainable environment. I do not want to live in a community that does not make recycling a priority.

I enjoy recycling because I feel like I'm helping fix our environment problems but if it's costing us more money and it's not currently helping, I would be okay not putting the extra effort in.

The Legislature passed regressive legislation last year-- uniform packaging -- this law needs to be negated in the next session. Stores should end the use of plastic one-use sacks. Restaurants should not be allowed to use styrofoam containers. Downtown alleys should have more cardboard recycling containers and businesses should be using them more. Lots of cardboard is placed in regular trash containers. Does the City recycle? Does SMC recycle?

I prefer to have different carts or bins for each recyclable material. I recycle because I care about the environment so I'm happy to sort. I put hands on each item anyway, and think its wasteful (time and labor) to just throw everything in one bin. Makes me feel like it's really just gonna get thrown away, and I wonder why it would all be thrown together just to have to be sorted again.

Please don't get rid of curbside recycling! I know many residents don't follow the rules, so I suggest not collecting their recyclables after more than one infraction.

I like the idea of recycling, but not so much that I'd want to pay for it.

Yes expland the plastics...

I recycle enough to fill a cart each week.

Don't do away with the service. Figure it out, so we are part of the solution.

I don't want a cost increase to keep recycling.

We love the recycling program and wish to see it continue in service.

Really like that we do it. Have to pay for a landfill anyway so if love to see those numbers presented \*with\*the recycling numbers so we know better what the tradeoffs are.

Start recycling styrofoam again. It is the worst thing environmentally. I would pay extra each month to have it recycled.

If there is a way to get curbside recycling at my downtown loft, I will 100% pay for that

I think that discontinuing recycling would be a big step backwards. Even though it may not be profitable, it is still the right thing to do.

1. Bottle and can deposit centers at Walmart, such as the one they have at food pyramid 2. Bottle, can and glass collection centers at beer distributors or liquor stores (Example: in NY some beer distributors that are the size of half of JR's, or approximately the size of Stillwater Wine and Spirits) allow you to come with bags of bottles - they take them, weigh or count them, give money back to the customer, then ship the recyclables out as a large quantity. 3. Collect glass curbside, please.

People who use recycle cart for trash should be fined!! Why doesn't recycling pay for itself?

I would not support any increase in costs for recycling.

I hope community across the county show they are dead to recycling in order to encourage its growth in the US and can be a profitable business that improves the environment.

The question address cost but how does throwing the recycle things in the regular trash affect the size that the landfill grows? I think every other week would be fine if that helps with the cost.

I think more businesses would participate if they were provided the large containers to put cardboard and plastics. If they have room for them.

Please keep the service!!

Recycling is great as long as it make sense financially and truly is better for the environment. It should be cut at the point that it takes away from providing other services even if it is due to higher costs simply because of our geographical location. Roads, safety, infrastructure, parks, etc. are more important.

I do not support separating recycling material only to have a large portion of it hauled to the landfill. We do not need the damage to our streets from trucks making second trips to pickup the recycled material for which there is no market. Recycling has failed, shut it down!!!

Please don't get rid of it but we can't have any additional charges to our City bill.

Please offer recycling service to apartment complexes.

Please, please, please actively work with apartments to make recycling more accessible. The convenience recycling center is not truly convenient.

I understand the financial constraints on the city and I do want Stillwater to continue to offer any recycling that is possible. I'd love to see all of us figure out ways to reduce our single-use plastic use, too.

The city needs to partner with OSU and local businesses to find ways to increase revenue , reduce costs and streamline recycling services.

I think Stillwater recycling is VERY important and I am pleased with the present service

Please keep the recycling program. Thank you.

So proud Stillwater officials and citizens are working hard to make recycling work. The planet needs you!!

Is it possible to look into recycling #4 and #6 plastics

Get rid of the recycling program!

I consider this an important issue in our community and in the world. However if we cannot do it well, meaning there is no market for the recyclable products currently being collected and said recyclables end up in the landfill anyway I am against it. If however there are buyers for the materials and the city can efficiently and effectively collect these materials I think it's a win, even if it costs a little extra.

Consider increased cost for recycling for residents out side city limits.

Please continue residential recycling.

I understand the challenges but please don't discontinue the program! I would even be okay with delivering my recyclables to a collection center myself, but I don't think nearly as many people would participate if curbside pickup was eliminated.

The city needs a good recycling program!!!

Can plastics be turned into material for street's.

Need regular cart for glass. I do not have the strength to carry the basket with glass in it.

I think it is important to offer this service-please keep it! I am working with my friends (all older folks, on what and how to recycle, they were putting things that had food residue-I told them NO don't do that) education is important, lets keep this up. . .

I prefer keeping things as they are and paying significantly more

Let those that want to recycle continue and those that don't pull their carts. The costs increase are inevitable

Taking away our recycling program would be a major step BACKWARDS in our goal to be a healthy community. Please do not take away our recycling program!

I believe we need to separate the types of products we recycle and discontinue pick up for residents that cannot follow the rules.

I live at the 51 apartment complex. There is currently no recycling services. I would like to see that change.

Please give us an article about what happens to our recycling when it leaves our neighborhood. Include the reasons why we are losing money here.

I understand the dilemma is not just in Stillwater it is a worldwide issue. I like to recycle, however if the trash isn't ultimately getting recycled anyway, there is no point.

We really hope that Stillwater can continue recycling service despite the difficult market. Weekly service is very helpful to us, and we are willing to pay more for the service and/or sort the recycling ourselves. Of course, we would rather have every other week than no curbside service at all.

Thank you for valuing recycling in Stillwater.

I definitely use the recycling program in Stillwater and I would be extremely disappointed if the curbside recycling went away.

I think that offering a recycling program in Stillwater is important for our environment, and it sets a good example for our citizens and neighboring towns. I was surprised to see how much it was costing the city, though. That's a sizable bill for us. I don't think that people would agree to pay more in utilities to maintain the program, sadly. I hope that reducing the service days, changing the type of recycling we do, or something else will work and the program won't need to be abandoned.

I don't support this service to the extent it would take from other quality of life services provided by the City or supported by City funding. I'm not against recycling, just don't want something more important to get pushed out as a result of increased recycling costs.

\$700K and growing is a lot of money for a warm feeling and limited environmental benefit. The city should consider developing a plan to encourage companies to start local operations to make products from recycled materials and even evaluate the potential of some clean incineration plant to produce electricity from other solid waste or at least use methane capture at solid waste sites.

Recycling becomes a habit and is quite easy.

I question whether the economics of the program make sense. If it is cheaper to simply put this material in the landfill, why are we not doing that.

It would be great if the recycling center on Perkins Rd. would be open on Mondays. I often find myself preparing things for recycling over the weekend, and then I can't load them into the car since I have to wait another day.

Our current recycling process is so easy for the customer. I also love the recycling center but if we didn't have curbside, I doubt if I would recycle.

Tag recycling bins with "yes" and "no" hints fairly at least once a month (more often at the beginning of the OSU academic year.

Some people use their recycling carts to just throw their extra trash out because we are limited as to how much we can throw away without extra fees. When people are rewarded there is always a better response and a note saying well done (while a nice touch) is not a tangible reward.. If there was an incentive given for people going to the convenience center Instead of charging them extra fees I think there might be a better move toward recycling at the convenience center as well.

Increased education of the public of the benefits of recycling would help.

If we get rid of recycling there may need to be an added day to the current routes to remove the excess of the added waste to the one cart that is offered. All of the waste that goes into the recycle cart will now be in the same cart as the normal refuse.

Offer more recycling options. Figure out how to sort the recycling and keep it

Recycling is extremely important. We must reduce our trash that is ruining our planet.

Stillwater should continue to be a sustainable city with outlook into the future for generations to come.

Recycling is a current fad or perhaps an unquestioned "ritual" of the green movement.....Is it truely a reduction in our impact on the environment? Or are the energy costs of recycling so great (except perhaps aluminum) that we are not having a positive benefit. Is not source reduction superior in multiple ways?.....Show me the objective analysis of the facts

Recycling is important and needs to be continued. Without community demand from a city like Stillwater, technological advancement will slow as will innovation in recycling technology.

I really appreciate the service that provides recycling.

From what I have read the problem stems more from the processing end. The markets are slowing or closing which take our materials. More research on that end of the situation is needed and that information should be passed on to us the consumer.

It is VERY important to reduce human stresses on the environment.
I like the ability to recycle if it saves money! If the market has not developed then we should move to the cheapest option.
I was excited when the curbside recycling began. Now it may not make economic sense any more. If there really isn't a market for materials to be recycled and they end up in a landfill anyway, it hasn't actually benefited the environment.
Dont make us throw out stuff that can be used again.
Don't give up, it's too important
There need to be recycling bins at all the apartment complexes.
I've been recycling for more than 50 years. It is a way of life. I realize it is difficult to get a transient student population on board to do it right, but it is possible with the right education program and coordinate with OSU leadership.
Is curbside recycling still economical and carbon-conserving? I think Edmond has decreased recycling based on these criteria. End curbside glass recycling and put savings towards a reward program for citizens that use the Convenience Collection Center. Investigate costs and logistics of a green waste composting facility (study Norman's situation). Could trash-to-energy have been a viable option for the old Boomer Lake station (or elsewhere)?
Stillwater is the best town for citizen involvement and city management response that I've seen in my almost 7 decades of life.
The vendor MUST recycle the material. It's misleading for citizens to think they are acting in a morally responsible manner only for it to be a facade and the economics dictate that the material end up In the landfill anyway. Transparency.
Getting rid of recycling would be a step backwards. We want to keep moving Stillwater forward.
Thanks for the Recycling Task Force! I certainly hope we can find creative processes to help our planet.
Would be lovely to have compost as well
Recycling is so important to me that I would be willing to drop off some items.
The recycling center is also a very valuable resource for citizens who recycle. Even if a curbside service is not feasible at this time, I would argue that the recycling center remain operational within the ability of the City to provide this service. Thank you!
Probably more public education is needed on a regular basis to let more people know and understand the benefits of recycling to spare our landfills from needless stuff which could be recycled. This could be in newspaper and radio spots and showing examples from around the country and even around the world of how this can be done successfully and sustainably.
I love having curbside recycling and want it to remain an option.
I think this is very important and many of us would be willing to help. Gerrit
Recycling is so important for the earth, it's worth the cost!
I would be fine with recycling if I could it could be easier to understand.
can we sand trash to some place that burns it for electricity?
Recycling is expensive and unnecessary. Landfill disposal is safe and inexpensive. Almost unlimited space is available for landfills, and once filled up they can be re-purposed for parks, golf courses, etc. This is already common.
Although everyone with STW trash service should pay for the recycling program, only offer it to households that commit to recycle. Require households to "opt in" if they wish to have a yellow-lidded cart. Make the opt-in process in writing if possible (online or paper slip at the time the service is requested or transferred).
I love having recycling in town. I also am very happy to see the middle school recycling as well. It helps students see the importance of helping our earth out.
I wish we could come up with a good use for plastics.
I use it a lot and appreciate it, and I would be willing to help however i reasonably can
I think recycling is important for a community. If it was not available most would just throw plastics, etc. in the trash.
It is not effective or useful
How about coordinating with homeowners associations, scouts, and OSU recycling programs? Also with Friends of Sanborn Lake, Friends of McMurtry, any other environmental education programs. Environmental science students capstone projects also work on recycling studies.
We love recycling.
I think it's great. Please do more to educate the public on how to properly recycle.
I've been a dedicated recycler since the beginning....please do all you can to keep it!
Recycling is extremely important, not just to our community, but in general. I support any initiatives that reduce usage of plastics and recycling them. Although I would be willing to pay more for recycling services, it is possible that an increase in cost will deter people from participating.
Recycling is so important. Because we have so many new student residents each semester, it would be helpful to attach recycling requirements every 2-3 pick-ups to keep educating them. In fact, even though I have been recycling since it started here, I just found out that froz. dinner boxes are not recyclable, & I found this out because one of the boxes happened to have recycling symbols that had "X" for the box & said recyclable for another part of the carton. I'd much prefer not paying more but would be ok with every other week pick-up or dual-stream. Unfortunately, some people will never understand the "rules". Thanks for letting me vote.
I participate in curb site recycling because it is easy and convenient and I hope it continues. It keeps clutter from mounting in the garage and having to load it in the car and take recycling to the Convenience Center. I really appreciate it.
If anything, the cost of garbage services should be increased to supplement recycling.
Stillwater's decision regarding the future of recycling needs to factor in the total cost of not recycling, not only locally, but regionally, and nationally.

Please do not give. Not this day and age.

Recycling is super important. Our environment is suffering don't add to it.

It would be nice to be able to recycle styrofoam again

I think it is important to recycle as much as possible.

Plastic grocery bags are an environmental nuisance, and I bet for any city's recycling program. Stillwater could lead the way and ban them (or provide a means to recycle them as does Food Pyramid/Homeland). Regular communications about issues with the recycling program would be useful (perhaps a short quarterly "newsletter" in our utility bill).

More drop off locations( besides cardboard) I believe would encourage citizens to recycle. And state the facts of how much waste is reduced by recycling to give people some positive reinforcement

If we could get paid for doing the dilligence of recycling.....a better response would come from this. It may cost \$700k for the service but why is the city not reselling some of the recycled product to help with costs?

Take on volunteers from the community to help. Stillwater has multiple resources and they all have volunteers as well.

It's important to me to know things are really being recycled (with China taking less plastic now). I would like to know where our recycling is sent and how it is being processed please. Thanks for providing this space for input.

I really appreciate having recycling. I hope we can continue to have this service.

Clarification on the actual bin as to what can be recycled and what can't. Better way to handle the occurrence that someone accuse puts a no recyclable product in the bin. I don't want to dig in the bin to make it to standard, but I want to make an honest effort to recycle. My bin was picked up for a violation twice ( I wasn't aware that flimsy plastic doesn't belong) and now I have lost the rights to my recycling bin unless I basically call for forgiveness which I won't do

It might also be a good idea to charge businesses with dumpsters more to pick up their recycling since they contribute so much more to recycling costs then a consumer. How much does the average business recycle? Companies like Amazon who ship everything in cardboard contribute to this issue, so maybe there is a way to defray costs or repurpose containers with them.

The city of Allen, TX allows glass to be added to the one recycle bin at the curbside instead of separated out. If that would be practical for Stillwater it would be preferred. However it is handled I believe it is important to recycle glass. I believe Stillwater has done a great and thoughtful service with recycling.

There are ways to make the recycling program PAY for the cost of the landfill. You just have to have the recycling sorted. PLEASE do not get rid of or make users pay. There are ways to make it pay for the city and provide jobs!

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