



# MORRIS TOWNSHIP IS PROUD TO ANNOUNCE PHASE I OF THE “SINGLE STREAM” AUTOMATED RECYCLING COLLECTION PROGRAM



## Frequently Asked Questions

**What is an Automated Recycling Collection Program?** The automated Recycling collection is similar to the Automated Trash Collection Program. The program utilizes automated trucks commonly referred to as One Armed Bandits to collect curbside Recycling in specifically designed containers called *CARTS*. All residence will be provided with one of these *CARTS*. Registered “Multi-Family” dwellings will be provided additional *CARTS* as required.

**What is a One-Armed Bandit?** The “One-Armed Bandit” is an automated collection truck, utilizing specifically designed *CARTS* to safely collect curbside Recycling. These vehicles are equipped with a hydraulic “Arm and Grabber” that extends out to grab and retrieve the container, and then it lifts the *CART* & dumps it, returning the *CART* to the original location.

**What is “Single Stream Recycling?”** Single-stream recycling is known as a system in which all “**Recyclables**” are placed in a single *CART* for and placed at the curb for recycling.

### **Where can I find a list of the “Recyclables?”**

They are the same recyclables our residents are currently placing at the curb for the weekly curbside collection. The list of “**Recyclables**” is available in the current Municipal Calendar and you may also find it on the Morris Township website at: [www.morristwp.com](http://www.morristwp.com).

### **Have other municipalities implemented Single Stream Recycling programs?**

Some of our neighboring municipalities are currently enrolled in a Single Stream Recycling program.

**How the recycling is separated** In the last decade many of the recycling material processing facilities upgraded their equipment. These upgrades include the ability to properly sort Single Stream Recycling, which is now more readily available to many municipalities.

### **How do I place the recycling in my *CART*?**

Recyclables should be placed loosely into the carts. There will be no need to tie or bundle cardboard, junk mail, magazines, or newspapers. **DO NOT** force or stuff items into the *CART* as this may not allow any or all materials to flow freely when the *CART* is dumped. **DO NOT** place **TRASH**, bulk items, hazardous materials, chemicals, hot ashes, poisons, and other harmful materials in with the Recycling.

### **What do I do with cardboard boxes which are too large to fit into the *CART*?**

Cardboard must be cut down to fit into the *CART* as to allow all the materials to flow freely during the dumping process. Residents may take advantage of the Recycling Depot located on Jane Way. Large pieces of cardboard and cardboard boxes may be placed directly into the cardboard compactor with no need to cut up or breakdown.

### **How will this program affect me? When will this program affect me? What do I have to do?**

You will receive advanced notice as to when your street will begin the *Automated Recycling Collection Program*. A *CART* will be provided by Morris Township to each residence for the *Automated Recycling Collection Program*. This *CART* will have a serial number that will be registered to your specific address. *CARTS* will be on display at Town Hall for residents to see.

### **What are the sizes of *CARTS* available?**

There are three sizes of *CARTS* available **95, 65, & 35 Gallon**. The **95 Gallon *CART*** is the standard and recommended for each residence. A **65 Gallon *CART*** is an option and will be available for seniors and residents with physical restrictions. **35 Gallon *Carts*** are available and will only be issued once a determination has been made that a **95 or 65 Gallon *Cart*** is not an option. We encourage all residents to use the **95 Gallon *CART***. Recycling materials are not quite as heavy or dense as trash but when loosely placed in a ***CART***, appreciate the larger space to allow for free flow during the dump cycle.

### **Will the *CARTS* used for Automated Recycling Collection Program be identical to the *CARTS* used for Automated Trash Collection Program?**

The *CARTS* will be similar however the *RECYCLING *CARTS** will be blue with the words “**RECYCLING ONLY**”, and the Recycling Symbol and Township Logo stamped on each *CART*.

### **How much Recycling does each *CART* hold?**

The amount of recycling will vary depending on what types of materials are placed into the *CART*. If each collection your residence currently places one 32 gallon container with comingled bottles and cans, one bundle of cardboard, and one bundle of newspaper and magazines, there will be enough space in the *CART* to accommodate all of this material and more.

The Township of Morris is committed to providing their residents with the highest quality service with a commitment to personal service. The *Automated Recycling Collection Program* is part of this commitment to our community.

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## What about on-street parking on collection days?

Residents must place the *CART* along the curb, in the street and must leave a space of 4 feet between the *CART* and all obstacles, i.e. parked vehicles, mailbox, trees, etc. The operator can safely pick-up, dump and return the *CART* to the original location. If the *CART* has less than 4 feet of total clearance we **WILL NOT** have the room to safely perform this operation.

## How will this program improve my service?

Residents will benefit from a faster more efficient collection process and uniformed look on collection days. There will be **NO LOST LIDS**; streets will remain cleaner with less debris from containers that have fallen over due to wind.

## Do *CARTS* work in inclement weather?

The Automated Trash Collection Program for the Township residents has proven to work well in all types of weather including snow and rain. The *CARTS* have large heavy duty wheels allowing them to move easily over various surfaces. The carts can withstand winds of up to 40 miles per hour.

## Will I still be able to place my current Recycling Containers out for collection on my Recycling day?

No, *The Automated Truck* utilizes a *Gripper Arm* specifically designed for the dimensions of the newer *CARTS*.

## If my current Recycling Containers may no longer be used for Recycling Collection, what are my options regarding their disposal or reuse?

We do not encourage residents to place older containers in the new *CARTS* for disposal. One option is to reuse containers for curbside Yardwaste Collection. The Township will provide a “Take Back” program to recycle used and unwanted containers. There will be more information regarding this in the upcoming months.

## Will there be a loss of jobs in DPW?

No, Morris Township will implement this program over time and there are no plans to reduce the current workforce. We are not anticipating layoffs due to this program.

## Will we have the same collection days?

It is our intention to keep the collection days the same as the program is implemented; however collection days may change upon full implementation, which is expected to take 2 years.

## How will I know when my home will be part of the program?

Each residence will be notified in advance as to when their participation in the program will begin. *CARTS* will be delivered in advance.

## Will my taxes increase?

No, the Township is not anticipating any tax increases associated with this program.

## What if my container falls before or during pick-up, will it still be picked-up?

Yes

## Is the cost of fuel for the One-Armed Bandits more than the Township is currently paying?

No, the trucks are newer and more fuel efficient than our current fleet.

## Does this program reduce workers' compensation costs?

Workers' compensation costs are related to reported claims. By reducing employee exposure to weather and repetitive activities we expect to have a safer working environment and we may see a reduction in worker's compensation premium costs.

## What if I am elderly or disabled?

Senior citizens, disabled or residents needing assistance, should contact the Township. We will assess your needs and make recommendations. Smaller *CARTS* will be available.

## When will the program begin?

Implementation began in 2017; Phase II is scheduled to begin in the spring 2018 and full participation by all Township residents in the fall of 2019.



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