

When the weather outside is frightful....

Curbside Recycling May Be Impacted



Winter brings cold weather and holidays that may disrupt curbside recycling collection. In most cases, service impacted by holidays or winter weather will be postponed to the next regular collection day.



Two weeks in December and January have collections that "slide" one day due to holidays. The first occurs on December 25, a Red collection, to observe Christmas Day. Red Wednesday collections will be shifted to Thursday. Thursday and Friday collections will also be shifted one day later.



The second change in schedule results on Wednesday, January 1, 2003, a Blue collection. Again, no collections will occur on the holiday, and Wednesday, Thursday and Friday collections will shift one day.



Inclement weather can create surprise changes in the collection schedule. Icy roads and heavy snow are causes for delays in collection as CVWMA and the contractor, Tidewater Fibre Corporation, will not jeopardize lives or property (yours and ours) to collect recyclables.



If central Virginia receives snow and ice, turn to your local media for information regarding curbside service. CVWMA alerts the television and radio stations to alterations in service. You may also call the Recycling Hotline, where customer service representatives or a recorded message will explain the situation.

In most cases, service will "slide" to the next day if possible. However, extremely adverse conditions may cause service to be cancelled.

When service cannot be postponed and must be cancelled, residents are encouraged to keep recyclables until the next scheduled collection or take the materials to a CVWMA drop-off recycling center. Sites are listed at www.cvwma.com.

Include the Environment in Your Holiday Celebrations

Holiday time is here. We're battling malls and parking lots, visiting family and friends, wrapping gifts, indulging in rich foods and maybe even squeezing in some rest and relaxation. This time of year, everyone is so busy that it might be easy to forget about reducing, reusing and recycling. Remember to consider the environment as you celebrate this holiday season. See below for suggestions to help maintain your commitment to the environment, perfect for the holiday season or any time of year!

Recycling the Holiday Way

- **Buy items in bulk.** Fewer materials are used to package bulk products and you'll save money.
- **Beware of excess packaging.** Does a basketball really need to be in a box?
- **Be creative with gift wrapping.** Use the Sunday comics to wrap kids' gifts – they'll love it and the paper is recyclable when you're through. Reusable gift bags are another great way to keep paper out of landfills.
- **Plan ahead.** Reduce holiday stress and save gas and other natural resources by consolidating trips.
- **Clean out your closets.** January is a great time to donate old clothes and household items. The items will be reused instead of cluttering up landfills and you gain space for new things received as gifts!
- **Recycle your Christmas tree.** When you have finished enjoying your Christmas tree, recycle it. Visit www.cvwma.com, call the Recycling Hotline at (804) 340-0900 or check your local newspaper to learn how in your area. Trees will be chipped into mulch. For other creative uses for these trees, visit: www.realchristmastrees.org/021114_recycle.html.

Happy New Year from the CVWMA staff