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Petersburg Making Trash & Recycling Changes

Container First Services Selected as New Service Provider

Citywide Delivery of New Trash and Recycling Carts Set for late February/early March

Richmond, VA- February 9, 2013 – The City of Petersburg announced upcoming changes for household trash collection that will include adding recycling collection to City residents and businesses. Container First Services (CFS) has been selected by the Central Virginia Waste Management Authority (CVWMA) and the City of Petersburg as the new trash and recycling collection service provider to begin March 7.

In an effort to enhance services and increase recycling, the City will add recycling collection services to all eligible households and businesses. *“Recycling is an important step towards making the City a greener place to live, work and visit,” says Mayor Brian Moore. “Providing everyone a recycling cart will make it easier for residents to recycle and they will find they have more space in their trash cart.”*

Councilman W. Howard Myers stated, “Citizens have been asking for recycling services for over two years, and I am proud to have worked on bringing recycling to Petersburg and helping educate citizens on the benefits of recycling.”

As the city’s new service provider, CFS trash services are scheduled to begin on Thursday, March 7th and Friday, March 8th city-wide and collection in the Old Towne area will begin Monday, March 11.

Trash in the Old Towne area will be collected on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays and recycling will be collected every Tuesday.

In the remainder of the City, trash will be collected weekly on the same schedule as it is currently (Thursdays and Fridays) for most. Recycling collection will occur **EVERY OTHER WEEK** on Tuesdays beginning March 12 for those that have Thursday trash collection and beginning on March 19 for those that have Friday trash collection.

“CFS is very excited about the opportunity to work with the City,” said CFS President Rob Guidry. “We are committed to providing high quality collection services to the citizens and businesses of Petersburg.”

CFS will begin distributing new trash and recycling carts, the week of February 25. Each resident and

business will receive 1 trash cart (crimson and gold) and 1 recycling cart (green) as part of your service. Additional carts can be purchased for \$58 each and includes an additional monthly service fee of \$2.25 that will be added to the utility bill.

Pick up of the old BFI/Allied Waste carts will begin February 28 after collection. Residents and businesses are asked to leave their old carts on the curb after trash collection on Feb 28 and Mar 1 for pick up. If you currently have more than 1 trash cart, all of them should be placed on the curb for collection. Trash will NOT be collected in the old carts after March 1.

City of Petersburg residents will be the latest to join hundreds of thousands of other curbside recyclers in central Virginia. The recyclables collected in Petersburg by CFS will be sorted at the Tri-City Regional Material Recovery Facility located in Petersburg and then taken to a recycling processor for further sorting, baling and marketing. *“One of the goals with this new program is to reduce the overall waste stream entering the landfill and we are pleased to now provide residents and businesses with a convenient opportunity to recycle at the curb,” says Kim Hynes, Executive Director for Central Virginia Waste Management Authority.*

Only the following materials are accepted for recycling and should be placed in the GREEN cart: cardboard, mixed paper (including newspapers, junk mail, etc.), aluminum and steel cans, glass bottles and jars and plastic bottles with a #1 or #2. All other trash should be placed in your trash cart (crimson and gold).

The City will continue its Drop-off Recycling Program at these locations:

- Cameron Field, Sycamore St. and Mt. Vernon St.
- Petersburg High School, Homestead Dr.
- Peabody Field, Augusta Ave.
- South Crater Square Shopping Center (Martin's Parking lot)

Visit www.cvwma.com to answer frequently asked questions and for other useful information.

For more information, city residents can call also call the Recycling Hotline at 340-0900 or the Trash Hotline at 425-0500.

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