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City Opens Recycling Facility for Residents

Harrisonburg, Va. – The city of Harrisonburg's Public Works Department has plans to open a recycling center for residents starting next week.

After the city was notified unexpectedly that van der Linde Recycling would no longer operate its household waste processing facility, the city started researching alternative options.

In an effort to facilitate an option for residents to continue recycling, the Public Works Department will accept recyclable material at the Recycling Convenience Center, 2055 Beery Road starting Monday, March 19.

Initially, the hours of operation will be Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. The collection will eventually expand into Saturday hours.

"We felt it was a priority to provide residents an option to recycle now until a more permanent program is established," explained Jim Baker, director of the Public Works Department. "Our staff members worked quickly to get a solution into place to accept recyclable materials at a recycling convenience center."

Recyclable materials to be accepted are: all plastics, aluminum, tin, glass, paper, newspapers and magazines, and cardboard. Residents are responsible for taking their own recyclable materials to the center. These items must be sorted into the appropriate container at the recycling center. There will also be an attendant to provide assistance.

City staff continues to research and evaluate future options for the city's next solid waste and recycling process; however, the Recycling Convenience Center will be a permanent option for city residents to recycle, even after the next solid waste program is established.

Questions? Contact the Public Works Department at 540-434-5928 or visit www.HarrisonburgVA.gov/trash for additional information.

The City of Harrisonburg is centrally located in the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia. It is home to almost 55,000 people. More information about the City of Harrisonburg is online at www.HarrisonburgVA.gov.

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