



Memo

To: William Richardson Jr, Mayor
CC: Members of the Township Committee
From: Ralph J. Condo, Administrator
Date: August 6, 2019
Re: Recycling

There have been numerous comments/questions raised on various Social Media locations regarding this subject.

I would like to clarify if possible, some of the misconceptions that are out there.

1. This whole matter came to light as a result of international market conditions where other countries no longer were accepting certain materials considered recyclable under our current contract definitions. As a result, the company that receives our materials wants to increase the charges for accepting materials that our non-compliant. And if we do not properly separate certain materials, they would assess a fine.
2. This is not just a Waterford Township Issue, in fact it is County wide, if not nationally. All of the towns in Camden County are affected by this and are following the same procedures that we are.
3. Nor is it just an issue with our vendor, but applies to all companies performing this type of service.
4. The taxpayers of Waterford Township are not paying any company or person to distribute the stickers recently placed on the residents recycle cans. They were placed by volunteers from our Environmental Commission. And at no cost to the township, in fact we worked with neighboring towns to help reduce the cost of printing the label.

The purpose of this memorandum is to give a quick overview of the subject and I am sure this matter will be discussed at our next public meeting on Wednesday, August 14, 2019 at 7:00 PM.