

Open letter to the Town of Amsterdam residents.

Recently there has been some question as to the pickup of recycling in the Town of Amsterdam. The Town of Amsterdam contracts its garbage and recycling collection with County Waste. They recently supplied each household with a container clearly marked with a green top on the container. County Waste has invested millions in a state of the art recycling facility at the Port of Albany. They now have specialized trucks equipped to pick up garbage and recycling in the same stop. The garbage is sorted on one side of the truck and recycling on the other side of the truck. I know there has been some question as to whether or not garbage is being mixed with the recycling- that is not the case. It wouldn't make sense for County Waste to build a state of the art facility then not do their part in picking up the recycling.

The more you recycle the better it is for the Town of Amsterdam. When you recycle it is less garbage going to MOSA and the cost savings is reflected in our fee we pay for dumping our garbage. It is less tonnage that is dumped at the transfer stations. So in the future you don't have to chase down the driver and question him as to the recycling and garbage pickup at the same time. They have a job to do and they do it well.

Additionally, if we find that you are not putting your recycle bin out with recycling we will send you a notice letting you know that recycling saves the town money. County Waste has made this a very simple operation- all the recycling goods goes into one container- plastics, glass, paper and cardboard can all be put together in the same container and put out to the curb.

Please help us keep the cost down by doing your part and recycling all your plastics, glass, paper and cardboard.

Thank you.

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