



**Office of The Town Manager
Town of Smithfield
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Dear Resident/Property Owner,

WE NEED YOUR HELP

Last year (Fiscal Year 2006), the Town of Smithfield exceeded our allowed municipal garbage cap by 963 tons. This unpleasant surprise cost the town \$49,595. We also were not eligible to receive a share of the Municipal Recycling Incentive Program revenue because our recycling rate was 18.39%. To receive a share, our recycling rate must be, at minimum, 20%. This means we lost out on an additional \$7,000-8,000.

The first step in increasing our recycling rate and reducing our disposal fees is to make sure that every household in Smithfield is recycling, and recycling to the max.

Beginning March 12, 2007, the Town of Smithfield will no longer pick up residential garbage at households that do not recycle. Our goal is 100% residential participation in the mandatory recycling program. The only way to accomplish this goal is to refuse garbage collection to those who are not recycling.

Enclosed is a checklist of common recyclable non-recyclable items to help make sure your household is recycling everything possible. Also enclosed, on the back of this page, is a list of questions and answers regarding this new program.

Recycling to the max is beneficial for several reasons:

- The town will save money by reducing our garbage fees;
- You will save money by not having to buy as many trash bags for your household;
- We will all help preserve our environment by limiting the amount of trash we as a community throw away.

We need everyone to do their part to manage our solid waste collection costs. Whether we spend more money or less is entirely within our control. Together we can keep Smithfield beautiful, protect our environment, and keep our hard-earned dollars out of the landfill.

If you have questions, concerns, or suggestions, please contact Sarah Kite, Smithfield Recycling Coordinator, at 233-1034 or at skite@smithfieldri.com.

Sincerely,

Stanley J. Usovicz, Jr.,
Town Manager