

# Town of Weaverville

## Garbage & Recycling Guidelines

### During the COVID-19 Crisis

The Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic and related emergency declarations by Federal, State, and Local officials are causing more of our citizens to stay at home and practice social distancing (**Stay Home – Stay Safe**). Households within Weaverville are generating more waste and recycling materials, due to an increase in people working from home, students being out of school, and families cooking at home instead of eating out. On Monday, March 30, our garbage crew collected approximately 12.5 tons of waste and a normal Monday route generates only 7 tons. Since collection of garbage and recycling is deemed an “essential service” and the Town plans to continue this work on a weekly basis, we would like to remind our citizens of some important guidelines to follow to keep your neighborhood healthy, safe and clean during the challenging times.

#### **GARBAGE COLLECTION SPECIAL GUIDELINES and IDEAS**

1. All trash should be placed by the road by 8am on your collection day, either in bags or in your Toter cart. By the way, wouldn't this be a great time to buy your own green Toter cart for only \$45? Contact Town Hall at 645-7116 to arrange payment and delivery.
2. Since there are more cars on residential streets during the day, please keep bags and carts away from parked vehicles and easily accessible for our crews.
3. The lid's opening on the cart should face the street with the wheels of the cart toward your house.
4. To reduce waste, store leftovers in reusable containers to decrease the use of plastic bags and foam containers (black microwave trays or Styrofoam are not recyclable). Likewise, use cloth dish towels and rags around the house instead of paper towels.

#### **RECYCLING COLLECTION SPECIAL GUIDELINES**

1. Use your extra time at home to organize your recycling system for improved success with everyone in your household.
2. Latex gloves and other protective gear are not recyclable and should be disposed of in your trash.
3. Keep food and liquids out of your recycling.
4. Recycle clean bottles with caps screwed on, cans (aluminum, steel and tin), plastic containers (jugs, tubs and jars – no lids), milk & juice cartons, newspaper & inserts, mixed paper (anything that arrives by mail), and flattened corrugated cardboard boxes.
5. **“When in doubt, throw it out”** – these items are **not** recyclable: aluminum foil, plastic wrap, batteries, shredded paper, plastic shopping bags, light bulbs, rigid or bulky plastics, paper towels/napkins/tissues, dishes or cookware, window or drinking glass.

If you have any questions, please contact Public Works at 828-645-0606.