



CITY OF PIERZ

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Dear Pierz residents,

The City of Pierz is announcing three changes to its recycling program. First, the city will distribute new recycling carts to its solid waste customers. Second, the recycling day will change to **Thursdays**. Lastly, the remaining 2023 and 2024 calendars have been updated to accommodate holiday weeks.

On Tuesday, October 31st, the city will distribute new 65-gallon blue recycling carts to its solid waste customers. Each recycling cart is individually numbered and assigned to your residence. The carts are the property of the City of Pierz, and we ask that you leave the recycling cart at the residence if you move. The green rectangular recycling bins currently used for the recycling program will no longer be allowed and items set at the curb in the green rectangular recycling bins will not be picked up. Solid waste customers will be allowed to keep the green rectangular recycling bins if they wish. If you do not wish to keep the green rectangular recycling bins, please return them to the City of Pierz Public Works shop at 501 Industrial Park Drive, Pierz, MN 56364.

Recycling in Pierz has moved to commingled recycling and will remain commingled recycling with the new recycling carts. Commingled recycling allows recyclable items to be placed together without sorting in the 65-gallon blue recycling cart. Please be assured the recycled materials are hauled to a facility that can sort, handle, and process the recycled materials properly. Bagging or tying your items is not preferred in commingled recycling so please place recyclable materials in the recycling cart loosely. Please continue to wash any jars or cans before placing them in the recycling carts. Attached is a flyer describing how to properly place your blue recycling cart out for pick up.

If you have never recycled before, the city strongly encourages you to start. Reasons to recycle include it will be easier with the commingled recycling, the recycling cart will allow more material than the rectangular bin, the recycling cart will be easier to transport to the curb, less material will end up in the landfill, and solid waste customers in Pierz pay for recycling whether they use the service or not. The city asks that customers try recycling for at least two months before contacting the city to pick up the recycling cart if you refuse to recycle and do not want the recycling cart on your property.

Recycling day in Pierz will change to Thursdays starting on Thursday, November 9th. Recycling will remain every other week and attached is an updated calendar for 2023 and 2024. Please note pick up day changes on the calendar for holiday weeks. Even though the holiday may not fall on a Wednesday or Thursday, the city has worked with our solid waste contractor Pierz Sanitation to adjust the pickup days to accommodate employees' time off and holiday closures at the Morrison County Landfill. This information is also available on the city's website and Facebook page. Please call Pierz city hall with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Bob Otremba