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Shenandoah County Announces Changes to Recycling Program.

(Woodstock, VA) —

In response to ever changing recycling market conditions, Shenandoah County announced effective immediately they will only accept bottles and jugs for plastic recycling.

According to Evan Vass, County Administrator, the County was informed in mid-February that their plastics recycling vendor would no longer accept most plastic types; only plastic numbers 1 and 2 in bottle or jug form are being accepted. “The Solid Waste program attempted to locate another vendor to recycle other types of plastic, but no viable alternatives could be located,” said Vass.

The modification in Shenandoah County’s program follows that of changes affecting localities throughout the state and nation. Neighboring counties and cities, including Rockingham, Harrisonburg, Frederick and Winchester, have already restricted their recycling to plastic types 1 and 2.

“We estimate that less than half of the plastic currently collected at County sites are bottles and jugs,” said Patrick Felling, County Director of Public Services. “Our staff will now spend hours every day sorting and separating the material that cannot be shipped out. We ask that those citizens using our recycling centers deposit only #1 and #2 bottles and jugs,” said Felling.

Those plastics that cannot be recycled will be landfilled.

Vass emphasized, “Our other recycling programs will continue, including cardboard, paper, glass, aluminum, and other scrap metals.”

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