



West Bloomfield Approves a Single Waste and Recycling Hauler

December 29, 2009—Development Services Department:

After careful and thoughtful deliberations, the Township Board has approved a single waste and recycling hauler for the township. The single waste and recycling hauler program will commence on April 1, 2010. Richfield Equities, LLC has been selected as the new single hauler.

Please review to the *Frequently Asked Questions* document to address many common questions related to this change.

The approval of a single waste and recycling hauler means that all single family residential properties will be required to contract with Richfield Equities, LLC for trash, recycling, yard waste and/or bulk item collection starting 4/1/2010. This includes properties located within Condominium/Subdivision Associations so long as waste, yard waste and/or recycling is collected curbside. The Township will not assume any billing responsibilities within this new single hauler system. Residents will be billed by and directly pay Richfield Equities, LLC for service.

Haulers other than Richfield Equities, LLC (i.e. Allied Waste and Waste Management) that have service contracts in place extending beyond 4/1/2010 with residential and Condominium/Subdivision Association customers will be allowed to honor such contracts. Said contracts must have been in place prior to 12/7/2009 and haulers will be required to secure a performance guarantee with the township. These performance guarantees will not be returned to the haulers until the residents have switched and received ant pro-rated refunds (if applicable.)

The reasons for moving to a single hauler system are to address the existing deficiencies within the waste and recycling system. The deficiencies are:

1. Excessive wear impacts to local township roads created by a high volume of heavy truck traffic caused by multiple service providers working within the same neighborhoods.
2. Multiple hauler impacts to neighborhood quality as trash is set out for collection several days a week.
3. Low recycling and diversion rates.
4. Lack of dedicated funding for the Household Hazardous Waste Collection Program.
5. Lack of reliable and accurate waste generation and recovery data.

Under the new single waste and recycling hauler system, residents will receive garbage, recycling, bulk item (i.e. furniture and appliances) and yard waste collection and disposal. Residents will now have access to the [“Rewards for Recycling Program”](#) which provides residents coupons and gift cards to local stores and shops for recycling. Over the last year, this program has increased participation by 70% and increased volumes by 250%.

Residents will continue to be able to disposal of household chemicals and toxic materials at the two Household Hazardous Waste Events. Other new contract elements include a senior citizen discount of \$1 per month, the option to stop service for extended absences/vacations at no cost and door service for residents that are unable to place trash and recycling at the street curb for collection.

The Development Services Department will be handling all inquires regarding the change and can be reached by calling 248-451-4800. Development Services will provide more information to residents as the switch deadline approaches.