



Meridian Waste and Wright City Officials Announce Dual-Stream Recycling Program Success

Congratulating Residents on 100 Percent Clean Rate

WRIGHT CITY, Mo. (July 10, 2019) – [Meridian Waste](#), an integrated, non-hazardous solid waste services company, along with Wright City officials today announced the successful launch of dual-stream recycling collection program, which rolled out in May.

Residents have followed the new guidelines for the rigids and fiber only carts extremely well resulting in a 100 percent clean rate, and not one load from the 21 tons of recyclables collected since May has been rejected at the material recycling facility (MRF) due to contamination.

“We want to applaud Wright City residents for making a smooth transition to dual stream and being careful to only put in the correct recyclable items in their two carts,” said Michelle Vohsen, operations manager for Meridian Waste. “Converting to dual-stream recycling helps to ensure cleaner, less contaminated recyclables while broadening the marketplace willing to accept and market the materials for reuse and true recycling.”

When a load contains incorrect items, it is deemed contaminated, rejected at the MRF, and then sent to be disposed of in the landfill. A green tag grading system was implemented to educate residents and help keep the stream clean, which is vital to the success of the program.

“We all want to do what is right for our community and for our environment. Unfortunately, it’s not always that simple. Wright City residents have gone above and beyond to do the right thing and to continue recycling, even when it hasn’t been easy,” said Wright City Mayor Dan Rowden. “Since our switch to dual-stream recycling, Wright City residents continuously produce some of the cleanest and least-contaminated recycling in the area. The City continues to look for ways to improve the recycling process and make recycling responsibly easy and convenient. The Board of Aldermen and I want to thank our residents for their support and continued efforts to make recycling a huge success in Wright City!”

For more information including a dual-stream recycling collection calendar, visit MeridianWaste.com/WrightCity. For more information on the state of the recycling industry, visit MeridianWaste.com/MOREcyclingCrisis.

Other St. Louis marketplace communities that have converted to dual-stream recycling include Lake Saint Louis, Moscow Mills, Troy and Wentzville.



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About Meridian Waste

Headquartered in Greensboro, Ga., Meridian Waste is a company defined by its commitment to servicing its customers, caring for and engaging its employees, and generating financial value for its shareholders while delivering a clean and healthy community. The company's core waste business is centered on residential, commercial, and industrial non-hazardous waste collection and disposal. Currently, the company operates in St. Louis, Mo., Richmond, Va., Blacksburg, Va., Augusta, Ga., Northeast Florida and Knoxville, Tenn., servicing more than 144,000 residential, commercial, industrial and governmental customers. In addition to a fleet of commercial, residential, and roll-off trucks, the company operates one transfer station, three recycling facilities, three municipal solid waste landfills and two C&D landfills in which 955,800 tons of waste are safely disposed annually. For more information, visit MeridianWaste.com.

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