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RE: CHANGES TO TRASH & RECYCLING SERVICES

The Town of Ludlow recently entered into a new agreement with USA Waste & Recycling for trash and recycling services for qualified curbside residential units. As a part of the agreement, we will be making changes to our waste management program that will not only make the collection more convenient but also contribute to a cleaner environment. Starting in June 2025, we are delivering new Town-owned trash and recycling carts. The trash cart is a 64gal (tan-color), and the recycling cart is 96gal (maroon-color). Should you sell your home, the carts need to remain at the residence.

These new carts have been designed to enhance your service experience:

1. **Increased Capacity:** Our new carts are sized to maximize collection efficiency. The trash carts allow for all material to be contained inside a single cart, and the recycling carts are sized to accept more recyclable material. Any trash material that does not fit inside the cart may be placed in Town-approved purple bags and placed next to the cart for collection.
2. **Simplified Collection:** Recycling will now be collected as Single Stream (SSR). ALL acceptable recycling materials may be placed in the single maroon cart.
3. **Enhanced Convenience:** Wheeled carts allow for easy transport to and from the curb.
4. **Cleaner Neighborhoods:** The carts come with secure lids to prevent spillage, keeping our streets organized, clean, and free of loose materials.

To get started with your new carts, please follow these simple steps starting July 1, 2025:

1. **Collection Schedule:**
 - Trash Collection will continue on a weekly basis on your existing pickup day.
 - Recycling collection will move to a biweekly schedule. Calendars and schedules will be distributed and made available through Town-website once finalized.
 - Pickup time may change depending on route. Please put your carts out the night before.
2. **Recycling Education:** If you have any questions about what can or cannot be recycled, please visit USA Waste & Recycling's website www.usarecycle.com/single-stream-recycling
3. **Disposal of Pails and Bins:** Old pails and bins will not be dumped as part of the automated collection starting July 1, 2025. You may utilize this equipment around your home, or USA Waste will be providing a recycling outlet at the Town's transfer station located at 198 Sportsman Road from: July 2nd – August 1st. Please feel free to drop off your old bins and barrels at no cost to you.

We're excited about this upgrade and believe it will contribute to a more sustainable future for our community. If you have any questions, please call the DPW Office at 413-583-5625. We can also be reached by email at dpw@ludlow.ma.us.