

The Perkins Township Recycling Committee is now making the following recommendation to the Perkins Township Board of Trustees:

1. Enter into an Memorandum of Understanding with each hauler that services Perkins Township that they offer curbside recycling to their Township customers
2. The haulers must report the average tonnage of recyclables collected in Perkins Township to the Erie County Solid Waste District
3. Request that Erie County in lieu of not having to pay to empty recycle bins on Columbus Avenue do the following:
 - a. Assist Perkins Township and the haulers to educate Perkins Township residents on why Perkins Township will be doing curbside recycling, how Perkins Township will be recycling and why Perkins Township should recycle
 - b. Annual appliance pick up in Perkins Township not only for residents but for other communities
 - c. Annual Tire pick up in Perkins Township not only for Perkins residents but for other communities
 - d. Annual or semi-annual electronic pick up in Perkins Township not only for Perkins but for other communities
 - e. Battery recycling program with several collection points
 - f. Annual household hazardous material pick up
 - g. Re-instate educational programs for all school levels and adult and civic club on why, how to recycle and why to do it for the environment
 - h. Per Ohio EPA request-Request the Erie County Solid Waste District Policy Committee investigate or challenge Erie County Solid Waste District that all providers of service in Erie County be required to offer curbside recycling if they provide residential service
 - i. Board of Trustees look into a yard waste recycling program by May of 2012
 - j. Review this new curbside policy annually
 - k. The Township will post signs throughout the Township proclaiming: "Perkins A Recycling Community"
 - l. Work with Erie County to develop a recycling plan for commercial establishments

The District spoke with Ohio EPA regarding the proposed curbside recycling program and the Ohio EPA agreed with the following recommendations:

1. The Erie County Solid Waste District's webpage linked to Perkins Township
2. Perkins Township webpage to state here are the agreements, flyers on service and contact information for the haulers and to the Township to report any discrepancy of service provided and a way to provide feedback
3. The Ohio EPA would also like zones established or a day(s) dedicated to when trash/recycling can be picked up as to monitor the program

4. The haulers should also provide reports of households participating from what municipalities and tonnages by municipality
5. The Ohio EPA would like the District to update their current Service Provider Agreement with the same information as backup for being a hauler in Erie County
6. This all will need to be reviewed in a year to see progress and monitored annually thereafter

The Perkins Township Recycling Committee listened to the residents, the haulers and political leaders and they feel that this recommendation is the fairest proposal that could be placed in front of the residents and Board of Trustees. The Committee took their time and got the right solution and the Committee feels that our children, our environment and Perkins Township will be the leaders in recycling in our area.