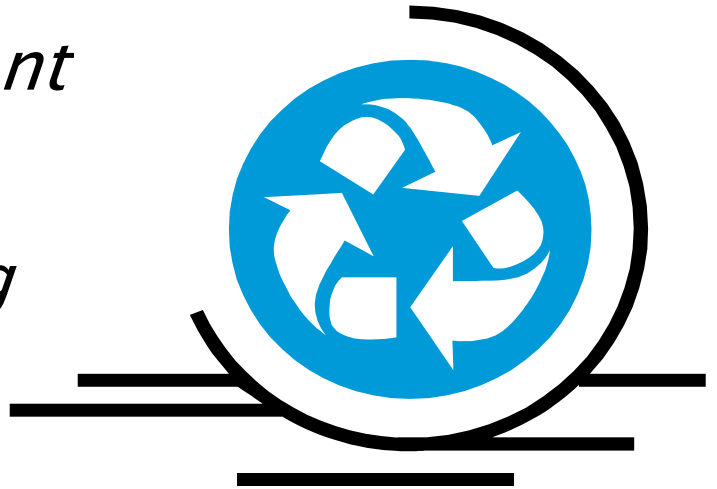


*Albemarle County is
announcing important
changes to the
Curbside Recycling
Program Effective
July 1, 2003*



Due to budgetary constraints, Albemarle County will be making changes to its Curbside Recycling Program beginning July 1, 2003.

*After that time, **plastic, glass, aluminum and steel containers** will no longer be recycled at the Ivy Materials Utilization Center (IMUC) or as part of the County's Curbside Recycling Program. Recycling bins for paper products such as **newsprint, magazines and catalogues** will remain at the IMUC and will also continue to be accepted as part of the Curbside Recycling Program.*

Due to the rapidly rising costs of processing the above-mentioned material (plastic, glass, aluminum and steel containers), the County must remove these items from the recycling stream until such time as market conditions improve, or another method of processing proves to be more cost-effective. The County continues to have a strong commitment to recycling and currently is developing a new comprehensive solid waste management strategy that will identify reasonable options for waste reduction as well as recycling and reuse.

Until those options are identified, we strongly encourage residents to continue taking advantage of recycling opportunities at the McIntire Road Recycling Center, where plastic, glass, aluminum and steel containers are accepted, among many other items. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause and regret the financial realities that have made these changes a necessary choice for the County.

For more information on this program change, please contact Paul Muhlberger, Albemarle County's Chief of Public Works, at (434) 296-5861 or pmuhlber@albemarle.org