

### **BE A GOOD RECYCLER**

- ⇒ Flatten Boxes
- ⇒ Make sure no food or liquid is in a container.
- ⇒ Caps should be securely attached to clean containers.
- $\Rightarrow$  No plastic bags
- ⇒ WHEN IN DOUBT THROW IT OUT

### **Recycling Industry**

- ⇒ Much of American recycling materials were sent to China.
- ⇒ China stopped import of certain recycled materials.
- ⇒ China and other countries began rejecting recycled materials if contamination is over 0.5%.
- ⇒ Contamination levels for U.S. curbside recycling materials is reaching a level of 25-30%.
- ⇒ It is important to eliminate contamination in order to find stable markets for recycled materials.
- ⇒ Contamination occurs when unacceptable items are placed in the recycle bin and can contaminate an entire truck load.
- ⇒ Glass fragments are a major contamination issue.

# Moon Township Municipal Authority (MTMA) manages the contract

for your garbage, general recycling and special recycling for electronics and household hazardous waste. Waste Management is the contractor.

#### **Service** changes include:

- Accepted recyclable materials will change and are as follows:
  - Aluminum Cans
  - Plastic Bottles, Jars/Jugs #1 and #2
  - Newsprint
  - Mixed Paper
- NOT Acceptable recyclable materials are as follows:
  - Glass
  - Plastic #3-#7 (Including Styrofoam)
  - Food Soiled Paper/Cardboard (such as pizza boxes, food wrappers)

- Bi-Metal Cans
- Cardboard
- Magazines
- Plastic Bags
  - Plastic Food Trays
  - Shredded Paper
  - Paper Beverage Cups
  - Non-can metals
- Changes begin January 1, 2019.

## Monthly Billing Rate for Garbage & Recycling Services

• \$21.75. The new contract will run from January 2019 to December 2023.

# **CONTACT INFORMATION**

- Contact MTMA office at 412.264.4300, if you have service issues concerning garbage or general recycling. General information is available at <u>www.moontma.com</u>.
- Special recycling services for electronic equipment and household hazardous waste is available for MTMA customers by calling 1.800.449.7587 or on-line at <u>www.wmatyourdoor.com</u>
- Visit <u>Earth911.com</u> to see if there may be other local outlets for material that can no longer by recycled in curbside collection programs.

Beginning January 1, 2019, Waste Management will begin

spot checking recycling containers at the curb.

If a container is observed to be contaminated with

non-recyclables, it will not be collected.

It is IMPORTANT to eliminate contamination in our recycling program.