America Recycles Day on November 16, 2023

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As part of America Recycles Day, Keep Jonesboro Beautiful is encouraging more members of the community to start recycling through Jonesboro blue cart recycling program.

Benefits of recycling include:

* Reducing the amount of household waste that goes to the landfill,
* Reduction of litter by not overfilling the regular trash can,
* Breaking down cardboard boxes and placing them in the recycling container, makes more room for household trash.
* Rather than using a second trash can, it is easy to separate trash and decrease waste,
* Recyclables are turned into other products, saving energy and resources. For instance, aluminum and tin cans can readily made into other products, therefore, preserving natural resources.

It is important to note that once you pay for the container, there are no other charges to participate in Jonesboro’s recycling program. The fee for a cart is $25 plus tax, which can be paid by check or cash by contacting the city collections department located at 300 S. Church St. or purchased over the phone with debit/credit at 870-932-3042. Carts are delivered by the Sanitation Department as part of their normal service.

Following correct recycling techniques is also important. For instance, produces such as wax coated cardboard milk containers are not recyclable. Light weight and corrugated card board is recyclable. Only number 1 and number 2 plastics can be accepted.

Another recycling practice that may be confusing is that you do not bag items going into the recycling cart. Plastic bags become tangled in the rollers during processing. This may be confusing because the city requests that regular trash be placed in bags before going into the trash.