



Town of Prairie du Sac

RE: Garbage and Recycle Pick-Up in the Town of Prairie du Sac

August 2022

Dear Town Resident;

The Town has the opportunity to enter into a 5-year contract with Peterson / Town and Country to have toter pick-up garbage and recycling for all households. In order for the contract to be viable, it must include all households in the Town. This will simplify garbage and recycle pick-up services, make them more efficient, and eliminate the need to dispose of garbage and recyclable materials in different methods. This practice is becoming more common in towns and municipalities.

As part of this contract, Peterson / Town and Country Sanitation will provide one 95-gallon toter for garbage, and one 95-gallon toter for recyclables. Garbage will be picked up every week, and recyclables will be picked up every other week. If a contract is approved, Peterson / Town and Country will send out more information, including pickup schedules, where to place your toter, toter options, etc.

Currently, each household in the Town of Prairie du Sac is eligible to use the recycle services. The recycle pick-ups are on separate days than the garbage pick-up. One challenge is that some households are putting 'garbage' or non-recyclable items (food-stained cardboard, Styrofoam, etc) in with the recyclables. When non-recyclables are mixed in with recyclables, if they are picked up, they either have to be sorted, or they are simply hauled to a landfill. This is counterproductive.

Currently, only a portion of households in the Town contract for garbage pick-up. Some households are simply dumping their garbage in the road right-of-way, or on private property. The drivers run the same route, regardless of the number of people contracting. The drivers must keep track of who has paid and who has not. It is harder and harder for a company to insure drivers that are required to continuously climb in and out of a truck. Using toters also offers the company the opportunity to maintain fewer fleets of vehicles, streamline routes at municipal boundaries, and provide consistent service for all. The company has found that when toters are used, more items are actually recycled and less garbage is burned or dumped roadside.

Enclosed are Frequently Asked Questions. Please read through this. We would like to hear from you. Please contact any of the Town of Prairie du Sac Board Members, or the Town Clerk at (608) 544-2406 or email townofprairiedusac@gmail.com with any questions, thoughts etc. no later than September 10, 2022. There will be an opportunity to see the Toters outside of the Town Hall weekdays starting August 30th. There also will be a representative from the company and a board member at the Town Hall on Tuesday September 6th from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. to hear your ideas and answer questions that the FAQ might not address.

Thank you!