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New Items Now Accepted in City Recycling Program

CINCINNATI (Oct. 22, 2009) – Cincinnati residents can recycle more items than ever before including pizza boxes and all plastic bottles and jugs, regardless of plastic number, as part of the City's curbside recycling program.

"The City of Cincinnati is committed to increasing our diversion rate and reducing the amount of material residents put in the waste stream," Mallory said. "We are fortunate to have a business partner like Rumpke Recycling that will go the extra mile to help us achieve our goals."

Rumpke Recycling is making a multi-million dollar investment in upgrades at its Material Recovery Facility in St. Bernard. The enhancements will allow Rumpke Recycling to increase the quantity of materials recycled overall as well as accept new materials in its recycling programs.

"Our goal is to make recycling as easy as possible for residents. Maintaining recycling facilities with the most advanced recycling technology allows us to increase participation and make programs like Cincinnati's successful," said Jeff Rumpke, vice president, Rumpke.

In 2008, City Council passed a motion that Mayor Mark Mallory unveiled his "Green Cincinnati" plan, which included the goal for the City to increase its landfill diversion rate to 50 percent by the year 2011. Currently, the City's diversion rate is around 12 percent.

"The addition of these new materials will help the City chip away at its recycling goals," Mallory added. "We need all of our residents to do their part to help us meet our goal. We need to make recycling a habit. I encourage all residents to get a bin and use it. Each resident will make a difference."

Pizza boxes need to be void of food residue. Caps still need to be removed from all plastic bottles and jugs to ensure proper recycling. Plastics other than bottles and jugs such as bags and butter tubs are not acceptable. In addition to the new items, Cincinnati residents can also recycle glass jars and bottles; aluminum and steel cans, and a variety of paper products including junk mail and paperboard (cereal and cracker boxes). For a complete list of acceptable material, visit www.cincinnati-oh.gov.

The City of Cincinnati has offered a curbside recycling program to its residents since 1989. Currently any City resident, living in a single family residence or multi-family residence with City of Cincinnati curbside trash service, can sign-up for the curbside recycling program, at no additional charge to the resident. Currently, approximately 40 percent of Cincinnati residents participate. To sign-up for the program, residents should call 591-6000. In addition to curbside recycling, residents can also use the City's nine drop box locations to recycle. For drop box locations, visit www.cincinnati-oh.gov.

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