



**“LANDFILLED” DISCUSSION SERIES
PUBLIC FEEDBACK**

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Other observers: none

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What would be considered an equitable way to pay for recycling?

- Set maximum amount of trash bags one can put at curbside.
- Rebate back based on amount of recycling
- Volume vs. weight—there should be more volume than weight
- There should be shipping recycling vs. curbside recycling
- Take your own bags to grocery stores

What concerns do you have about landfill space disappearing?

- Quarry being potential site for landfill. (Deffenbaugh)
- Monthly business fees for recycling \$149, \$63 – every three months
- Limited knowledge of where to dispose
- Limited knowledge of what to dispose
- City collection services should cover cost of landfill use
- No place to recycle the new “green” bulbs
- Manufacturers should take items back after they’ve been used
- Keep trash out of landfills
- No landfills should be put in Bonner Springs

Think about all of the items you drop in the trash and the things you buy on an average day. What is the most inconvenient thing about recycling?

(At Home)

- There is a lack of education about recycling. In general, what do you with containers?
- Lack of available information
- Cost of recycling
- Direct mail-special mailing are most common trash items
- Public service announcements are most common trash items

Does curbside recycling make a difference?

- More to move around-waste minimization
- Hard plastic not recyclable
- Business shipping insuring the product
- Packaging for marketing
- How to open the packaging. (Seniors)

Design your ideal recycling system. What would the system look like for your home or office?

- Self containing system

- Wheels on containers
- Stackable- four bins
- No separation, everything will be sorted out by company picking up recycling-compost sorted
- Recycling bins would be readily available
- Recycling would be optional
- The system would come equipped with a crusher for small cans
- Curbside recycling promotes involvement
- Weighted bottoms in the bins to prevent it from blowing away with the wind
- A lid for each bin so that recycled items do not blow away.
- Incineration
- Is there a market for it?
- Recycle emblems