



Chesapeake
RECYCLES

Community Survey Results

April 20th, 2023

A. BACKGROUND

In early 2022, Chesapeake Recycles hosted an online petition in the effort to save the city-managed curbside recycling program.

More than 9,000 citizens signed the petition in support of saving the program.

Since that time, our following has grown substantially. Currently, 19,234 citizens have subscribed to our email list, and it continues to grow each day.

B. ABOUT THE COMMUNITY SURVEY

The survey was developed to offer citizens the opportunity to provide insight and feedback about how they recycle currently.

As of the date of this report, 3,203 citizens have participated in the survey.

C. SIGNIFICANT FINDINGS

- Recycling continues to be a top issue in the city;
- 99% of those responding had used the city-managed curbside recycling program;
- 58% no longer recycle;
- 69% would be willing to pay a fee to reinstate the curbside recycling program.

We hope this report provides City Council Members and City Staff the information needed to make well-informed decisions.

Please reach out with any questions you may have.

Respectfully submitted,

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D. SURVEY QUESTIONS

Q1: Did your household recycle when the City provided curbside service?

99% Yes
1% No

Q2: How are you recycling currently?

58% I / we do not recycle
30% I / we utilize the drop-off sites
12% I / we utilize a private service

Q3: If you use a private service, how much do you pay per month?

73% \$15 - \$20
27% \$21+

Q4: If you use a private service, is glass included?

45% Yes
55% No

Q5: How much of your recyclable material is?

a. Cardboard

15% Less than 15%
21% Between 16% and 20%
22% Between 21% and 25%
42% More than 25%

b. Plastic

8% Less than 15%
22% Between 16% and 20%
29% Between 21% and 25%
41% More than 25%

- c. Glass
 - 58% Less than 15%
 - 21% Between 16% and 20%
 - 13% Between 21% and 25%
 - 8% More than 25%
- d. Paper
 - 30% Less than 15%
 - 22% Between 16% and 20%
 - 23% Between 21% and 25%
 - 25% More than 25%
- e. Aluminum / Tin
 - 46% Less than 15%
 - 22% Between 16% and 20%
 - 17% Between 21% and 25%
 - 15% More than 25%

Q6: If you use the City drop-off sites please rate the following:

- a. Appropriate number of drop-off locations
 - 35% Below Average to Poor
 - 38% Average
 - 27% Above Average to Good
- b. Location / accessibility
 - 28% Below Average to Poor
 - 30% Average
 - 42% Above Average to Good
- c. Appropriate number of collection containers
 - 37% Below Average to Poor
 - 26% Average
 - 37% Above Average to Good

- d. Type of materials accepted
- 44% Below Average to Poor
 - 33% Average
 - 23% Above Average to Good

Q7: Should the City reinstate the curbside recycling program, please indicate the fee you'd be willing to pay per month.

- 31% I'm not willing to pay a fee
- 28% \$5 / month
- 23% \$6 - \$10 / month
- 10% \$11 - \$15 / month
- 8% \$16 - \$20 / month

Summary: 69% would be willing to pay a fee to reinstate the City-managed curbside recycling program.

E. KEYWORD SUMMARY OF CITIZEN COMMENTS

More than 1,800 comments were submitted. The following keyword summary provides a snapshot view of the most common topics. Some comments included multiple topics.

- a. Bring It Back 416 Comments
(Bring it back, reinstate, basic, core, essential, reconsider, continue)
- b. Environmental Concerns 555 Comments
(Environment, planet, earth, landfill, dump)
- c. Fiscal Management 291 Comments
(Taxes, budget, surplus, refund, cost related to "In God We Trust")
- d. Education & Awareness 61 Comments
(Educate, awareness, informed, training)
- e. Leadership 242 Comments
(Poor decision, embarrassed, unacceptable, horrible, disappointed, backwards, bad decision, short-sighted, saddened, shameful, disgrace, stupid, screwed, ridiculous, shocked, anger, dumb, out of touch, profanity)
- f. Limitations 149 Comments
(Disability, elderly, physical limitations, seniors, retired, fixed income, driving, handicapped, convenience, inconvenience, too difficult)
- g. Next Generation 93 Comments
(Children, kids, youth, generations)
- h. Private Service Providers 33 Comments
(TFC, Happy Planet, Recyclops, GFL)
- i. Types of Materials 609 Comments
(Glass, cardboard, plastic, aluminum, cans, paper, bags, styrofoam)
- j. Voting Behavior 53 Comments
(Vote, election)

F. CITIZEN COMMENTS

The comments have not been edited for grammatical or spelling errors. If there is a particular comment you would like to follow up on, please copy it and paste it in an email to hello@chesapeakecycles.com and we will reply with the citizen's contact information, so you can reach out to them.

I would like to see curbside return and I would be willing to pay a fee.

I have been using the drop off site at Jubilee Park. It seems to me that more instructions & education are needed as the containers seem to be mixed up with cross contamination of wrong stuff in wrong Bin.

The price that What is the unit cost per household for recycle. Does it fit in one of #8 above figures. That is what people will have to pay, it really is not a choice. Either we can afford it or we cannot. Can we just recycle certain items that are most in demand and easily handled.

This should be an included service, and there has to be other places where Chesapeake can save costs. However, since this is such an important topic, I would be willing to pay a fee that takes advantage of the economy of scale for doing the whole city.

I truly believe the recycle program should be reinstated. This is such an easy way to be eco friendly and I really do not understand why the City decided to give up on it to start with. Please reinstate this program.

We may be interested in recycling with the City of Chesapeake, although

the citizens deserve to know if the City will actually send the items to an actual recycling ctr., or we are just going to be charged only to have the items taken to the city landfill. A good perk with the private company that we are currently using is that they accept plastic items 1-8. Perhaps, this survey should have been sent to the citizens of the City prior to ending the service.

I was pleased when the city responded to my request for a second MixedBin at Greenbrier- great in responding to my email quickly and in getting another bin, so thank you for that. I believe in recycling and try to do my part. Would be very happy to have curbside return without a fee.

When a community is set up, this service is one service that is included from our taxes paid.

Get better at managing our tax dollars in the budget. Google, "what is a risk budget."

The same amount of material is being collected as before, the difference is chesapeake has to come up with landfi space for it.

I am disappointed that there is no glass recycling and REALLY miss the curbside recycling program.

My husband witnessed a truck dump the contents of a bin designated for plastic and paper recyclables at the SPSA station in Greenbrier. This bin was recognized as the same type of bin positioned near City Hall, which is labeled with directions saying plastic and paper ONLY. This enraged us for several reasons.

First, we have made great efforts to wash and prepare our recyclable refuse. Second, we have made great effort to transport these items to the recycle bins expecting them to be recycled by the City. Third, we don't expect our City government to lie about any of its activities, including the handling of refuse. We expect these items to be recycled NOT destined for the regional dump like the rest of our trash.

As I am a handicapped citizen, although I use the city drop off sites, it is very hard for me to do so. My son who is also my neighbor, would come over and take my can out for me. I was able to get my recyclables out to the can by myself.

Rated questions lower because you do not take glass (Q6) and initially you took all plastics. Now it's restricted to '1 & 2'"(Q7)"/"

I think Chesapeake should bring back curb side recycling.

There are very few people in my neighborhood that do recycle. Which is sad.

Given the high taxes the city already charges and being retired on a fixed income paying more to the city is not within my budget.

Since the recycling program has stopped I have been making it a conscious effort to do better at recycling in my home. I have used the drop off site by the Indian River Library, it is easy to access and didn't have any issues. The area did seem to be clean and well kept from the surrounding neighbors. It was a little confusing at first knowing which bin was for what. It would be nice to have the curb side however I know that not all residents will recycle properly. If the service was not to come back I would like to get new trash bins as a replacement at no extra cost. Currently my trash bins

both brown and blue are damaged. Also I would like if glass was accepted in the recycling drop off locations.

I'd like the city to reinstate the program as getting to a designated site is not effective or efficient. With regards to the fee what is expected? I can't truly state what I would pay until I know what is entailed in the fee. Is it possible to let us know what will be covered at a certain price point as of course with everything else including ever increasing tolls having a lower monthly rate is preferred. What has been the issue with the program that it was discontinued that other cities don't encounter? If we could get relief on the tolls as a Chesapeake resident traveling within Chesapeake maybe that could go towards the recycling program.

Please bring back curbside recycling!! We used this service faithfully and appreciated the convenience. We're more than willing to pay a monthly fee to have this service reinstated. The thought of plastic recyclables going to the landfill is disturbing.

Not having recycling is irresponsible and shameful.

Please bring recycling back. It is an inconvenience to have to drive to the city site every couple of days. Some of my neighbors just put everything in the regular trash with no regard for the future of our ocean and planet.

I recently moved to Virginia Beach, but prior to that I lived in Chesapeake since 1985. I always found the Chesapeake curbside recycling program to be excellent. I realize that the service downturn led to the decision to discontinue the program, but much of that was outside the control of the contractor. Between China's decision to stop accepting those materials and the pandemic affecting the workforce, the industry bottomed out through no fault of the contractor. Curbside recycling should absolutely be reinstated in Chesapeake. I recycle in Virginia Beach through its curbside

program, and it works very well. I encourage the City to bring back this program. Thank you and best regards.

Need to be able to recycle glass

We already pay astronomically high city taxes. The least the city can do is bring this service back. Its a small amenity that they can provide for all the money they take from us.

This should hands-down be brought back, especially considering the high taxes we pay to live here in Chesapeake.

Thoughts... I'm willing to pay for recycling, but.. what happens when people do not recycle properly? Does this fee cover extra work going through materials? Does the whole load get dumped if there's something that is not recyclable? What does the fee cover? Honestly, we'd be willing to pay higher if we could recycle more. Like glass! There is so much glass being thrown away. I'd pay more if we're actually recycling materials and they're not ending up in the landfill because then it is absolutely pointless to pay extra for it turning into garbage. I hope this works out, but for our family, we visit our library weekly, so it is not too inconvenient. Much peace, love, and support in figuring out a solution. We need to do better for our children and this earth.

I LIKE the drop-off program because: I don't have to store and handle the blue bin, since I am RETIRED, I can save gas by dropping off more manageable loads at least once a week when I go out on other errands. I take soda cans to the animal shelter, but that's a bit of a trip and at 75, I am finding it harder and harder to throw a bag of cans into that TALL wagon. Maybe additional (and smaller) wagons could be placed near a few of the drop-off sites.

I'm sorry about the neighbors on Mann Dr, but many of us, in the last 10 years, have had our peaceful lives forever spoiled by almost 24/7 noise (within 50 ft of my windows), bright lights all night long, crime, and no more wildlife, all caused by the incessant cramming of housing onto every square inch of land. I can't wait to see what effect this tree-less, paved management style will have on our climate.

Instead of redirecting tax funds to what the city clowncil thinks is appropriate, it should be decided by by the taxpayers. They have proven over and over to be bad decision makers.

Decals on vehicles that say In God We Trust should never even have been considered. And ""bonus recruitment money"" for the PD should have been funded by redirecting City Clowncil paychecks, since they don't do nearly enough to warrant a paycheck like that anyway.

The drop off sites are dirty and residents continue to drop off the wrong items, the gates on the enclosure were broken not I after being installed at Russell Library, I take glass to a drop off site in another municipality . The drop off sites have been a colossal waste of tax payer money . PLEASE BRING CURBSIDE RECYCLING BACK

Most people I live near still go through the process of sorting their recycling and putting it on the curb just for it to be taken by the garbage service. I don't even think they know the city ended curbside recycling. so ultimately this is putting a strain on the garbage collection service effectively doubling the trash collection every other week. People will be less inclined to recycle when they have to go out of their way to a drop off site and fill bins that don't really keep up nor are labeled well. Personally I live in the deep creek area and have to cross the drawbridge on 17 to get to the park to do my drop off. Anyone who actually lives in Chesapeake knows that area is a mess most times of the day when the park is open and available for drop

off. I would be willing to pay someone 20 dollars every month to take my recyclables there just to avoid it. so if that's what it takes go for it.

I'd be willing to pay if Battlefield Commons was added to the city route if re-instated. My friends would greatly appreciate this returning as it has become an inconvenience for them to pack up a car and drive across town to drop off recycling once to twice a week since the old container is too big for any regularly sized vehicle.

If curbside recycling starts again, there needs to be a more aggressive form of education to the public so they know what can be recycled and what can't.

I would love to see composting recycling as an option. This would eventually provide garden compost for the city.

A bin for plastic bags at the current recycling locations would be great.

ALTHOUGH I DID CHOOSE AN AMOUNT FOR THE FEE, I FEEL THERE SHOULD NOT BE AN EXTRA FEE, IT SHOULD BE INCLUDED IN WHAT WE ALREADY PAY TO THE CITY.

Chesapeake we had recycling curbside pick up before I don't know why we had to get rid of it and pay the same in taxes

I recycled more with I was able to use the big blue bin.

We need to be able to recycle glass and styrofoam.

The reason I don't want to pay is that it was part of my taxes I pay. I have

always recycled because I feel it helps the planet. You need to bring it back.

I thought previous recycling was covered by taxes and fees. Living in the Western Branch Area, I feel we pay and don't receive the same the same services that other parts of the City receive so I don't think I should have to pay more for recycling. I am happy to just put my recycling in the trash. I was a faithful recycler but once the city cancelled curbside recycling I went by the library/tax office and the recycling bin was overflowing and now I hear they are limiting what they collect/accept there.

We need better explanations on what is recyclable in Chesapeake. The drop off sites are not clear about what type of plastics, paper, etc.

Recycling should be back to the program. Environment needs the helping hand and we can help by allocating part of our taxes to fund the recycling program.

I stopped using the recycle at the park as everytime i went it was overflowing I am short i couldn't get my stuff in the bins. I hope you bring it back

Taking away recycling options is a massive set back to the city and the environment. Granted more training needs to be provided as to what can and can't be recycled. The city of Chesapeake is loved by everyone for its country side charisma and outside beauty. Every day more and more land is being sold to companies where they chip all the trees down to build pointless buildings or businesses that won't last. There's also so many housing communities being build at what cost? Invest in run down lots and stop selling the lots full of trees just to chop them down. Clean up our side of stumpy lake. It's littered with trash. Let's make and keep Chesapeake

beautiful before it turns into Virginia Beach. Stop looking for money and look into preserving what makes Chesapeake Chesapeake.

I'm not willing to pay a fee because when they discontinued it, they did not decrease my bill so technically, I'm still paying for a service that the city no longer provides.

I'm sure we as a city can find the funds to support this program.

We tried the drop off but it didn't take glass and began too much trouble to drive it somewhere to recycle.

This is definitely an issue that will impact how i vote in future elections.

Glass not included at the drop off sites. Drop off sites are often full depending on the day.

We would really like for curbside recycling to be resumed to save on gas, potential traffic congestion, and to resume a convenience Chesapeake residence have historically had as a service.

I've used this service in my previous address of 2020 Engle Ave, Chesapeake, VA 23320. We would have almost full recycle container at least every other week.

Most people do not have the time or the type of transportation to take all of their recycling to an offsite location, taking away our city services was a mistake because now those who are unable to take their recycling somewhere or unwilling to pay to have a private company pick up their recycling (which is very costly) just have double the amount of trash that is

going to the dump sites and that is now not being recycled at all which is terrible not only for our city but for our planet. It is unfair that the surrounding cities still have this service but Chesapeake decided it can no longer be provided to their citizens. I wouldn't mind paying a small fee to have this service again however, I'm sure there will be some people who will. Any way the service could be provided again I think it would be a great thing and our family would be grateful to have it back. It is a easy and convenient way for everyone to do their part.

Given the amount of money I pay in city taxes, the service should never incur additional costs to the citizens of Chesapeake. How are all the other cities in Hampton Roads able to maintain this service?

We have a responsibility to help reuse and reduce our limited resources. Learning from past mistakes or missteps is important. Chesapeake should be a leader in our region of forward thinking and better policies that improve peoples lives including responsible waste management. Chesapeake should always be the example in Hampton Roads.

I have personally witnessed trucks dumping all the recycling containers into one trash truck on three separate occasions. I find it confusing when we are separating the recycling in the large bins. It makes me concerned that nothing is actually being recycled from the drop off sites. I dislike we cannot recycle glass at the drop off sites.

I would like to be able to recycle and contribute

The comment was made that the recyled materials were not being recycled at a profit. I've just decided to not use materials that i couldn't reuse.

Our children were taught all throughout school the importance of recycling. It seems unconscionable to stop it to everyone I know including kids.

I still separate my recycling but only dropped it off once.

I went to the meeting and learned of the options to us and the limitations of what is actually recycled.

I think better education about recyclables will greatly impact the standard of recycling. Just a simple print out to put on my bulletin board stating what is actually recyclable. This seems a better solution than trashing the whole program.

The act of recycling has long been touted as an essential measure to mitigate the negative impact of waste on the environment. However, recent findings suggest that recycling might not be the solution we thought it was. In fact, it might even be doing more harm than good in some cases.

One common belief is that washing plastic bottles and containers before recycling them is an eco-friendly practice. However, research shows that washing plastics in hot water generates more CO2 emissions than throwing them in the garbage. Additionally, the recycling industry is becoming increasingly expensive and less profitable, leading to many recyclable materials ending up in landfills.

Despite Greenpeace once championing plastic recycling, they now call it a ""dead-end street."" This is because the majority of the items sent to recycling plants never get recycled. The process of recycling itself is costly, uses a lot of labor, and produces materials that are worth less and less.

While recycling paper and aluminum do save trees and energy, respectively, it's clear that we need to rethink the way we approach recycling. One proposal is to only accept paper and aluminum at recycling drop-off locations, as people often do not understand the rules of recycling, leading to contaminated items and landfill waste.

It's worth noting that not all landfills are environmentally safe. However, the practice of shipping plastic waste to countries like Malaysia only exacerbates the problem. The plastics are stacked high and burned, creating more pollution than if they were in a landfill.

As individuals, we can make a difference by being more mindful of our waste and reducing our reliance on single-use plastics. However, it's essential for governments and industries to rethink their approach to recycling and waste management to address the root of the problem. Only then can we effectively protect the environment for future generations.

We do not recycle nearly as much as when we had curbside recycling. We used to be vigilant about recycling but don't have the time to carry everything to the recycling center or the energy to hold on to recycling and keep it sorted.

Most studies show that less than 20% of plastics are actually recycled or recyclable. This is not an efficient use of our tax dollars.

Why is the drop off not working? If it is because people do not follow the directions, how is that going to change with curbside recycling? I see that the bins at drop off locations contain materials that are not supposed to be in them.

Recycling is a critical component of waste management. PLEASE RE-START CURBSIDE RECYCLING.

It is absolutely vital that we reinstate recycling within our city. Failure to do so is a direct failure of our city to contribute towards living in a cleaner, more sustainable environment.

Curbside recycling should be a standard part of trash collection, and be funded through waste management. The fact this was voted to end is ridiculous. Vitale, Parker, Ike, Carey and Best have caused tremendous harm to our city. Bring this back immediately. Don't divert funds from this for public safety; increase the waste management bill to include recycling. It will be cheaper than the \$100/month charged by private companies for curbside recycling!

We used the recycle program all the time. Was very sad they didn't even ask the public when they ended it. I'm willing to pay extra to have this program come back.

The biggest problem is national. What happens to all the materials? It's abhorrent that industry actually recycles less than 30% of what's collected. <https://environment.co/how-much-recycling-actually-gets-recycled/>

The key to making it successful will be at the terminal end. The sorting so you have useful recycling is the key. As I am sure you are painfully aware because of differences at the molecular level make recycling plastic VERY hard. Bring it all in a sort well!!!

Please bring back the recycling program. It's so important to recycle and I

was surprised and disappointed to see it go. I think more people recycle than not. Do the right thing for the planet and city.

Please reinstate recycling. In this day and age, I am ashamed to say that my city had discontinued this service. We need to be proactive to save the world

We pay enough taxes as it is. Our utility payments are high as well.

My husband and I are both seniors and it is hard enough to maintain everyday expenses being retired. We were forced to get part time jobs as it is to go along with our retirement budget.

At this point I don't feel like we should pay for this service.

The city should provide a recycling program free of charge as in the past. I am sure the city can find the funds to pay for it.

This is very important, especially in the Tidewater area. Some people will choose not to recycle due to the inconvenience.

You have failed the city in cancelling curbside recycling!

The city taxes we pay should include recycling.

If you do not resume curbside recycling, then please at least provide a recycling container for glass at the community sites.

The city should but wont do anything and with property taxes going up a lot this year there should be plenty of revenue to bring back curbside without a service fee

Please bring back curbside recycling!! Disappointed with alternative & the inability to recycle glass. Many of my neighbors have not used recycling. I also question. If what I do bring to bins are actually recycled?

I know it's based on funding levels but the curbside recycling program made me feel good about living in the City of Chesapeake and having City leaders that care about the environment.

I'll miss the second trash can, but I'll love not risking my life to turn left onto Old Mill Rd after dropping off recyclables.

As much as we pay in taxes, we should have recycling service in Chesapeake. It's embarrassing that our city is one of the only ones in Hampton Roads that doesn't provide this service to their residents. We're still recycling using the drop off locations, but a lot of people are just throwing their recyclable materials in the trash. It's a shame the decisions was made to discontinue this service.

We already pay for this service. The city decided to take that money and use it elsewhere. They will just do it again.

I have been recycling for over 40 years. So now that I am older, it is hard to haul items to a facility.

I pay the city enough, including recently raised Stormwater fees, personal property taxes on 15 year old cars, increased property taxes on my home. I will not pay for optional recycling fees.

I believe they should collect recycling materials. No one wants to run trash around in their own car. Plus my mom is 76 and has no business picking up trash and driving around town.

Please bring back recycling!!

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Recycling is a necessity in protecting our environment/and this planet's survival. Charging or outright canceling recycling services is a short-sight and shows that your care lies within short term monetary value rather than the well being of the survival of living creatures.

Utilizing our taxes to pay for unnecessary cosmetic additions rather than something that should be a government covered utility, is in my opinion unethical and will affect my choices in future elections of public officials.

Not participating in recycling will only lead to overrun landfills and additional pollution in our area.

When there was curbside recycling, we had more recycling items than we did in our trash bins. Please bring this back so that we can get back to reducing wasted recyclable materials.

We have been avid recyclers for 20+ years. Currently we are using a combination of Recyclops pickups, drop off recycling at Russell Memorial Library, and the recycling center at Kill Devil Hills.

Frankly, Chesapeake's previous recycling program was appalling. A city of 250,000 can & SHOULD do much better.

Even if Chesapeake reinstates curbside recycling, PLEASE MAKE PLANS TO ACCEPT MORE MATERIALS. Kill Devil Hills, NC has a wonderful recycling center that accepts glass and plastics 1-8 without restrictions on the shape of the container. Again, CHESAPEAKE NEEDS TO DO BETTER!!!

The need for recycling is so important to this community and the environmental. The city needs to get onboard with recycling.

The recycling program would not be just for the environment, but it would be a teaching lesson for the young people as well. Let's show, our young people that we care about the environment.

I'm willing to pay anything up to \$20/month. Having the big blue recycling container was very convenient. We are now using a private service and there's no where to store recycling between pickups. It's very inconvenient and we don't have the time to go to drop off locations. Please bring recycling back!

we support curbside recycling. Willing to pay the city for this.

Recycling saves our dear Earth!

We tried to do drop off recycling, but the few times we tried, the bins were overflowing and it was not very convenient.

Cancelling this service was a big step backwards for Chesapeake, ourselves and most people we know who live here found it to have very negative effect. Would love to see it reinstated,

I very much miss the program. However, I can see why it's not working. The bins are clearly marked and people still put the wrong things in the wrong places. Also, it clearly states no plastic bags. When I dump, I open the plastic bags and put what's supposed to be in the bins and then "recycle " the plastic bags for the next week's run. Three problems I see: 1. I will say in the beginning, all plastics were taken. Now it's just "1 & 2". 2 you asked a question about glass. The sites don't allow glass according to signage. 3. It's very easy to be confused about the cardboard. In the beginning, single use went into plastics, tin, etc. corrugated cardboard in separate. The mixed items bin still states "single use" even though the larger sign states no cardboard at all.

Chesapeake how come the cost of recycling wasn't taken out of what we pay in taxes?

The drop off service causes me to have to put the recyclables in my car and drop them off. Sometimes, the bins have been full and I can't drop off. The drop off locations do not take glass which the city used to pick up. It would be nice if glass and plastic bags were included in recycling. It would also be more convenient for is for the city to do pickup. I would be willing to pay a fee.

Please reinstate city recycling. It was a good program.

I understand that not all the materials that were being put in the recycle bins was able to be sold for actual recycling, but I feel it's still important to

continue recycling as many items as possible. Our landfills are not bottomless.

Maybe provide clear examples of what and how to recycle items. I know for years we used trash bags to collect items and found out many years later that the recycle ables in bags were not acceptable. Provide stickers or website with what is recyclable in our area.

I should be I clises with the curbside garbage pickup

I would be willing to pay a fee but I am unsure of the amount. I thought that this fee was included with our property taxes? We continue to pay the storm water fee, that is currently being raised, and I have never seen any type of upkeep on the storm drains. My is currently almost plugged! Maybe the money could come from that pot of money.

Please reinstate recycling

I don't understand why, if the recycled materials are used/bought etc the city isn't making money from the program? Maybe I'm missing something but it seems that cardboard and paper are expensive and it would make sense to manufacture it from recycling programs. "Climate change" must not be a big deal if you can scrap recycling which is the most basic thing everyone can do to benefit the environment.

It was already part of the budget. The powers to be re-allocated the funds for their own use. Put the money back into this program.

We also lost bulk pickup. So, in our neighborhood now we have burning everywhere. They burn fences, decking materials, carpeting and I guess anything the City refuses to collect. Not great for the environment but I

guess it's cheaper than collecting it. We used to have recycling and bulk pickup now we don't. We lose services but yet our taxes continue to rise!

If recycling saves money and the environment I don't understand the problem . It also saves the landfills and the amount of trash deposited, wouldn't you consider that win-win?

It's irresponsible to not provide convenient recycling for residents.

Lived in Chesapeake since 1990 and always had recycling service. City is being short sighted and environmentally irresponsible.

What we had in the pass, work GREAT! Bring it back. I have more trash now. It sucks.

I have liked that more plastics were able to be included in recycling with the drop off sites, however I really do not like that we cannot recycle glass.

I would like to see the city recycle glass as well as the other materials.

Most of my neighbors don't use the drop off. One of them take their recycling to Danville where they have family.

It saves landfill space, costs to ship trash elsewhere, and increases citizen participation in recycling with curbside services.

Chesapeake please bring back recycling. Many of us are willing to pay a fee to help our city have less trash that Judy's goes to the dump and piles up.

Please bring back recycling

It should have never been taken away. Everybody talks about helping the environment so why did you take it away in the first place

I am unable to use other services at this time; however, I would definitely pay for this service if offered by the city.

Please start recycling again!!

Il really miss using my blue can.I have to bag everything up when before all I had to do was roll the blue can to the curb.

I will be willing to pay a fee BUT...Seeing as you: 1. Took away services that we did NOT pay for previously, 2. Have raised our city assessed home values & taxes...3. Raised our storm water fees etc. etc. etc, I'd like an explanation as to WHY we SHOULD pay for recycling?

Fees up, service down, doesn't make sense or add up!

Thank you for your consideration.

I would REALLY, REALLY like the curbside recycling back!! By taking it away, we are just adding more to the landfills and filling them up faster!! Although, I collect and take mine to Deep Creek park about once a week, most the neighborhood puts it ALL in the trash. I see brown and blue cans out at practically every house I pass by. So, what was being recycled is now going to the landfill. Also, I hate to see all our glass products going to the landfills. Did you know you can make sand out of recycled glass to help

replenish our waterways and beaches? What a concept!! Also, if a fee is added, I'd like weekly pickup. I'd also like to see our property taxes go down and the tolls!! What a hefty bill I'm paying!!

I currently take my recycling to the drop off bins, however when I was at the dump to drop off non recyclables (large non bin items) I saw the city dumping the large green bin of mixed recyclables in the dump as well! In the same place I just dumped a broken toilet, I watched as the city garbage truck dumped the recycle bin! I WANT ANSWERS ON THIS! Why is the city dumping our recyclables (what we put in the large green mixed bins at the recycle dump sites) and dumping them in with the trash?? I watched cans, paper, etc pushed by the tractor and mixed with my broken toilet, old mattresses, etc!! This was frustrating. There are several residents, myself included, that take the time to clean out our recyclable items, and then take them to the correct dump sites/bins, and then the truck just takes it to the bulk dump site!? This happened at the SPSA site at 901 Hollowell Ln, on Monday, April 10th.

Citizens should be better educated on what and how to properly collect and dispose of recyclables to improve use and profitability of recycled materials. We would also like for the city to explore organics composting collection options.

People are not recycling due to the limited amount of spaces to drop off and the extra effort required to go to said places. Our landfills are going to overflow if it's not fixed in the next 5-10 years

I pay enough to the city between my real estate tax, personnel property taxes, and taxes on everything I buy and consume.

I wonder what kind of services I get for my money!

Every year my real estates are going through the roof!

I think it is imperative that we bring back recycling in the city. I know many who have not recycled at all since the city stopped the program due to the inconvenience (lack of time or transport) of taking recyclables to the drop off site. We need to do better, our waterways, our city, our environment depend on it!!

Please resume recycling!!

Curbside recycling should be a part of basic waste management. Drop off sites are inefficient, loud and dirty waste piles and ours is next to the library! We barely use it and it still costs the city money to maintain. How much? There should not be any additional fee unless there is a separate fee for all waste management and that doesn't make sense either. Why single out this one city service? What a waste of time this has all been. We had such a good thing going. Just do the easy recycling thing like every other city around.

Shame on the Chesapeake city council for redirecting funds from this program.

Recycling is good for converting waste material into new materials and objects. Doing more recycling can avoid so much air pollution. Recycling can save on the environment so why not bring it back to Chesapeake. I am willing to pay 2.00-3.00 extra a month. There are several of my neighbors that which that wish we could have the recycling program to continue.

Curbside recycling should be brought back just like the city of Portsmouth accomplished.

No fee. We pay enough taxes and too much on water.

Support a convenient recycle program for environmental purposes.

We pay enough taxes for personal property real estate, food, gas, you know it's enough to start the recycling just government people being greedy as usual, of course this is the commonwealth, take from the common people and give to the wealthy

Cancelling the 'Curbside recycling program", was one of the worst decisions the Chesapeake City Council has made since I moved to Chesapeake in 1984. There are on the wrong side of history.

None at this time.

It's more work to recycle as I/we have to use plastic bags, which are provided, and carry them outside.

Of course it is difficult to measure the worth/value of recycling programs. Those citizens that are willing to pay for this service are concerned for the environment and processing/sorting of the recycles is a major pain - especially when the items are, of course, individual when they are used and only mixed together in the big bin. We would prefer to have perhaps 3 smaller bins that are sorted by paper-cardboard, plastic and aluminum/metal. It would remove a lot of the expense and perhaps lead to lower monthly fees - that would be the goal. I worked in the metal recycling business for 22 years and it's a difficult job. When people sign up to pay to recycle, they are also the same people that would consciously make an effort to separate the items as they are disposed of - how much easier to sort at the source than on a conveyor belt or an expensive robotic sorter.

Many hands make light work. Hey, maybe different fees for single bin or multi-bin subscribers!

I already pay taxes for this. Why should I pay more?

I stopped recycling everything except cardboard because I don't want to pay, and also don't want to collect cans, bottles, etc in the garage so all that just goes in the trash. Considering most plastics don't actually get recycled, I'm ok with this. I don't mind collecting cardboard and driving to drop it off (10 minutes away) once a month. Honestly, as far as curbside recycling, I could take it or leave it.

Tough decision to be made. Service was free and we were the only district in the area that offered it and yet the service was abused by people putting the wrong items into the bins. Cost of recycling has gone up. I would have used the other options, but have no where to store my recyclables until I had the time to dispose of them. Not enough drop off sites and conveniences for the citizens to use them. Heated days are coming which attract pest. I hate throwing everything into the bins and going to the landfills, but it is the most convenient option for me at this time.

If the program could also include plastic bags, that would help keep it out of the water ways.

Chesapeake- our personal property taxes continue to rise and we are not experiencing ANY benefit from the extra \$\$ we are paying each month.

There should not be a fee to utilize a service that ultimately helps the environment and keeps Hampton Roads from building unsightly and stinky trash mountains. I do believe there should be better education about 'what' is truly recycleable materials and how to properly dispose of it as many dont know. Thank you for at least considering reinstating the program.

taxes are already too high. start thinking on how to be more efficient and effective with the money is taken before trying to take more money.

no more fees, charges, no more taxes.

With a busy household, it is very hard to maintain the amount of recycling we did when it was picked up curbside. We recycle now but it is not as much. I can only go once a week, and if it starts stacking up and I can't go then it gets put into the regular trash. Recycling was a part of daily life, and we are taking a step back in Chesapeake by making it much much harder for residents to recycle as they once were.

We feel like the taxes we currently pay should cover the cost of recycling

Due like Norfolk does put it in stormwater bill then no one can complain out it.

You continue to raise assessments on our properties to ridiculous amounts. The city charges the same amount for land regardless of size. Not fair! Why is my house valued on its size but the property is not?

Even if you call and share your concerns NOTHING is done. I tried nothing was done! Must be easier for you!

Chesapeake has become a disappointing city to reside in. As you continue to make massive funding from our taxes... services we want are removed/discontinued. You make deals with investors that do not support residents. Western Branch is over developed and under supported by their city leaders.

We would be happy to use the drop off locations if they were picked up more frequently. Whenever we drop off recycled goods, there is mountains of trash around the containers.

We pay enough in taxes. Find some city service that is underused and redirect their funding.

We used a private company for curbside collection from July 2022 - March 2023, but they discontinued service. If there will be extra charges for recycling, please collect them with existing taxes.

One of the reasons I'm not willing to pay a fee is because all of the residents in Shillelagh Farms pay storm water and drainage fees and we get NO SERVICE IN RETURN. You can take those years of paid fees to cover recycle services.

We did not pay a fee before, other cities don't charge especially greedy Virginia Beach. Stop giving the credits to everyone...I have not received anything since moved to my new house but at my previous place I register my car and I could get gift cards and credit vouchers at different places...stop that. Your giving away money that's not necessary, people just want to recycle we don't need a credit in return.

I feel I am paying enough taxes of all kind, fees and tolls. I am a retired widow of a veteran. I pay full property taxes on my home. Tax the recycle fees out of that without increasing my taxes on anything. I am almost 73 years old. I am considering moving out of Chesapeake because of the tax burden on me. It is a shame. I would love dearly to stay in my home and not move.

The City representatives lied when they said that Chesapeake was the only city where citizens were not being charged an extra fee for the recycling program. That is a lie. I have talked to people from Virginia Beach, Norfolk, Hampton, etc. and they assured me that they did not pay extra for recycling, that it was included in the taxes their cities collect.

Chesapeake City council is a backwards group of people that don't care about our environment, Nature and our planet. Shame on them!!!

Reduce, reuse, recycle. This is taught in Chesapeake Public Schools as a state mandated SOL. Yet the schools no longer recycle and recycling by drop off is not feasible for many in our community. Reduce, reuse, recycle is expected of Chesapeake residents and curbside pickup must be offered.

Chesapeake has one of the highest budgets of any other city in Hampton Roads, they are obviously not spending a lot on schools, they need to find the money for recycling.

We should have never lost the recycling program! Recycling should continue again at no cost to homeowners.

We used a private company for 6 months or more. They accepted glass. We now use the collection point behind city hall. The collection point does not accept glass for erroneous reasons. I would like to see the curbside program reinstated and the money squandered by the city returned to program and taxpayers. Reduce the programs budget that received those funds and return the funds to curbside recycling.

With All the increased fees I currently pay, recycling should be included. I suggest using a dump truck that way an individual can look inside the bin to

confirm the items are re- cyclable,, if not, the auto can picks it up or the resident has to be given the option to opt out or be charged a fee after so many times of putting trash in bin to dissuade from putting trash in the recycle bin.

We're we paying an additional fee when the recycling program originally started? If so, we have continued to pay it, because nothing has been reimbursed since the program was discontinued.

I recycled a large amount of store containers in light cardboard. I also recycled a large amount of paper. Now it all goes into the trash.

The city discontinued a service paid through my property taxes.

Why should I have to double pay for a service?

To reduce sorting costs a suggestion would be to provide multiple containers presorting for pickup.

Not being able to recycle has led to a lot of waste and its environmentally irresponsible.

Blue bins were not always used appropriately. I know people in my neighborhood and a previous neighborhood who would use them for trash, which just adds to the cost of a recycling program. For those who actually did ""recycle,"" there was really very little that was accepted, and they were putting a lot of items that were not on the accepted list into their cans, which also adds to the cost of running a recycling program like the one we had. If those things were happening in the two different neighborhoods I've lived in, it's happening all over the city. In our home, we try to be as ""green"" as possible by choosing to buy items with less packaging,

repurposing things like jars and plastic containers, and saving paper for starting campfires. Other people who are serious about recycling will not have a problem taking their items to a drop-off location (especially if the locations are relatively convenient) or paying for a private service. If our recycling materials are actually being recycled, I'd like to see the proof of how, because all the information I've found shows that the majority of recycling programs are just an expensive way to make people feel good but don't actually do much to keep places like Chesapeake green, and I already spend enough of my hard-earned money on taxes and other programs that bear little fruit. For those who want a recycling program using the blue bins, perhaps it can be run through the city, but people could choose whether they want it or not, and if they do, they can pay an additional charge.

If recycling is brought back I want a second garbage can free.

Please bring back recycling! It's ridiculous that we are being encouraged to throw everything away in the landfills. So wasteful.

Please bring back recycling! We need to be conscious of our resources and protecting our planet. I want my grandchildren to have a safe place to live!

Chesapeake - simple - recycling is the right thing to do for our environment & communities.

We can keep a lot of stuff out of the land field

Bring back recycling!!!

The reason I don't use recycle dropoff. It was hard enough for me being a senior and mildly handicapped. My neighbors helped with the bins. I can't

manage doing the dropoff with my recycleables. The worst decision ever for the city to make. The citizens were not consulted.

Saw a TV news report a while back - City recycling manager said they are only spending 30% of what they did with curbside program - BUT they are recycling only 10% of the amount that curbside program handled. Simple math shows they are spending 3 times as much per pound - that is not fiscally or environmentally responsible.

This should be part of our city taxes per household. If you let people opt out of the service, then no one will want to pay the fee.

Money wasted on other projects should fund this program.

I would really like to resume curbside recycling. Because of age I find it difficult to take recyclables to one of the centers. I think it's important to keep especially plastic out of our landfills.

The recycle program has to help keep the amount of items out of the landfill. It is ridiculous that the city stopped it.

We were paying for recycling prior to it's suspension. None of the money Chesapeake residents paid was returned to us. I do realize that inflation has driven up the cost of everything. For people on a fixed income it is costly to do drop off or private companies. We are one of or the only city in the 757 that does not offer recycling. We are the largest city in area and population growing rapidly.

I would hope that you would reconsider the choice you have made and once again offer recycling at a reasonable rate.

The city could let people know how much of the drop off sites are recycling, and what goes to the garbage bin.

If the drop off sites are an improvement on the % of garbage in the bins, then keep what we have now and expand it.

At this time, the city has to keep a lid on costs to the overburdened taxpayer.

The city has to also explain why it expects residential taxpayers to pay for a commercial water/sewer pipeline, but has left the water meter infrastructure (meters) more than double the amount of time without fixing.

1. Use surplus funds for recycling. 2. Cancel battery storage for deep creek. 3. Be proactive with energy plan ideas. Don't leave it for another few years. Our children and grandchildren won't survive. 4. I could support ban on plastic bags..and using more glass containers. At least glass is recyclable.

I pay nearly \$3000 real estate tax and loose more services each year that I've lived in City of Chesapeake, Va.

We need better management of the city budget.

I feel as though it's our civic duty to recycle and the city should make it accessible to all residents of Chesapeake.

I would love to have curbside recycling back. It is not easy to do a drop off

three to four times a week. I recycle with the hopes of our world being a better place for our children, grandchildren and future generations.

Since my property taxes increased over \$1200 why should I add to the bill.

I am on a fixed income, retired and have no intention of selling my home. So all the talk about property values are mute to me.

I think it's shameful that a city the size of Chesapeake does not have recycling as part of city services. I would like to see it come back as a weekly pick up. I am fortunate enough to be able to pay for a private service, and I think that ReCylops does a great job, but there should be a strong civic commitment by the City to have a recycling program that works for everyone (meaning, pick up from residences the same as trash).

The city should pick up recyclable items so the reg trash fill will not have the added load

Recycling is very important to our household and we will try do what we can to continue to recycle as much as possible. Having curbside pickup again would be very helpful and we would be grateful for its return. We'd prefer not to pay at all as we are happy to utilize the current drop-off containers free of charge, however, a small fee would be understandable.

For seniors like myself, the present recycling program is difficult. We don't drive as much and lifting the materials into the containers can be difficult. Storage of the materials until I can get to the recycling sites is difficult as well.

I would love to see pick-up again. I know there were a lot of people putting

trash in the blue bins, but some additional information to customers should help that.

Please bring back city recycling. If needed have people sort the recycling material accordingly

Gas prices make drop-off recycling impactful.

Chesapeake half my trash each week is aluminum or plastic or cardboard. I feel this could go to better use than been sent to the dump.

After using drop-off locations since curbside recycling ended, I am definitely in favor of having curbside recycling again!! The collection bins at the Chesapeake City Park on Greenbrier Parkway are inadequate for the amount of recyclable material being dropped off there. The collection bins by the Chesapeake City Hall have much better capacity especially with the large bin for mixed materials. It would be nice to be able to recycle glass again if there is a market for it.

Chesapeake we respectfully request you reinstate the recycling program.

The drop off sites don't accept glass. I am a huge believer in recycling even if I have to drive. I'm about protecting the environment. Most people don't know what's considered "recyclable". If Chesapeake goes back to recycling, the public needs to be aware of what is allowed to be recycled.

IF we do not help our environment, your children and their children - your entire legacy - will be crippled by pollution and the unsurmountable harmful effects.

Chesapeake it was a real shame when the recycling program was

discontinued. A majority of my family waste was recycle-able material. The drop off facilities were not convenient and were always full.

We were very careful recyclers, always rinsing plastics, glass, aluminum items. We never put anything in that not on the city information sheet. It breaks my heart to have to throw recyclables in the trash can. Please restart the program soon.

Chesapeake bring recycling back!!

Would love to recycle but unable to get to the drop off site.

It's ridiculous that the program was taken away and that we're back to filling the landfills with things that could be recycled. Chesapeake is definitely regressing.

I would like to have the recycling option back, at no cost to the user and no higher taxes. If you feel that raising taxes is necessary to accomplish this then I don't want that option.

I go to the recycle location about three times a week. Its ok. It is easier to have it picked up at our house but if its not going to be then we will continue to do this. Not going to pay to much for this service.

Please bring back the curbside recycling. Even the 8-10% of plastic actually recycled is an improvement to the 0% currently being collected. It is just ridiculous that in this day in age we don't have the option at least

Would be good to have the information of what other cities in HR charge for curb side pickup."

I have family in va beach so I take my recycling to their house.

I'm extremely disappointed we can't recycle glass.

Absolutely terrible curbside recycling was discontinued. Like us, I'm sure thousands of others in the city have given up recycling b/c the process is too complex and time consuming. We are not happy about the city's policy at all. "Leadership" should be working to reinstate services and should have reached out to citizens to at least find out if they would be willing to pay for the service if the budget was so mismanaged that we could not continue our responsible environmental stewardship. Shameful-

Use all the money the city is getting from the jacked up real estate assessments to pay for it, or get Biden to fund it before he's done.

We are moving backwards. We need to increase, not decrease recycling. Chesapeake is losing when it comes to protecting our environment.

Please bring back curbside recycling! Chesapeake is too big a city not to have this service available.

Why should we have to pay any fee? The taxes we pay keep increasing each year and are more than many other communities in Virginia. Property taxes are already too much.

Chesapeake we pay enough on everything else but not this too. Why do the tax payers always pay for everything but I bet the people that work for the city doesn't. If we have to pay I don't want it. Plus it wasn't always put in the recycling in went in the regular trash

As a senior citizen it is an inconvenience

Any cost over 5.00 per month is not worth it to me. But we tried to be very diligent and separate the recyclables when it was included in our taxes,

A fee is a tax. If I pay more in taxes I would rather have better park and Rec facilities like Va Beach has and improved infrastructure for the city employees that provide our daily services.

If we go back to this service I would hope that we look at better options than Tidewater Fiber who was not willing to negotiate a better rate for the city of Chesapeake.

Going to be paying over \$5,000 in property taxes, based on the recent assessment. The council should be able to find the money with the increased assessments. "

Your poor fiscal management is harming the environment. You should be ashamed.

Chesapeake needs to bring back recycling as part of basic city services.

Our property taxes are extremely high and continue to go up with the all of the rampant construction that the planning department and city council are authorizing, but there is little to no increase or improvement of services. Offering curbside recycling is the least that the city could actually do in order to help taxpayers.

It's embarrassing to be the only major city in Tidewater not recycling. "

While I have tried to continue recycling I recycled more when the city did the collection

Chesapeake we need to do better in helping our earth! Bring recycling back!

In addition to recycling, I would like the city to pick up household/exterior waste. Today I had to drive to SPSA on Hollowell ton Hollowell Lane to drop off pieces of old decking boards that were replaced by myself and husband. Property taxes are high along with the other city fees. I feel that we are not being served sufficiently.

Most young southern folks don't care so don't know the answer

I normally drop off recycles at the municipal town hall (near the central library). Originally, there were insufficient containers leading to them being full and I started going down to the drop-off location near the Chesapeake Expressway Toll Office which was a much farther drive but those containers were never full on the handful of trips I made there. Fortunately, more containers were added near City Hall after the initial few weeks and that is a more convenient location and does not require a special trip.

Curb side collection was much more convenient but I heard a lot of what was collected was not recycled. I am not sure if that was true or not. If it was true, has creation of the drop-off sites and separation of cardboard from other ""mixed recycles"" combined with the removal of glass recycling, increased the effectiveness of the items actually being recycled?

I would like to see curbside recycling restored to help the environment and future generations, plus cut down on automobile pollution from the individual vehicle trips to the drop-off locations. With curbside recycling, I

generally recycle 33% of my refuse based upon how full my regular trash container was compared weekly to the recycle container picked up bi-weekly. I still am recycling about 25-30%, due to glass not being recycled anymore. Even once a month curbside pick-up will be appreciated."

Where is the tax decrease since eliminating recycling program? I'm willing to pay a small fee using the same cans I have, not carrying bins to the street my hand.

Please reinstate curbside recycling and accept glass.

I find the recycling situation really unacceptable and embarrassing. We try to go to the drop-off but so many times the dumpsters are overflowing and disgusting.

Not going to pay to recycle.

The recyclable material can be recycled or trashed.

Recommend curbside for glass and aluminum. Not enough people know how to care for cardboard for recycling.

First off, you should be doing better for our city and community and offer this service for free. Second, Recycling should never have been suspended.

Drop off sites do not include glass recycling. With a huge increase in our property values the city should be able to absorb the cost of recycling I would think. You will be getting a tremendous amount more tax revenue.

Most of our trash is recyclable and it kills me to put it in the trash to go to a

trash dump. We didn't do the recycling at a drop off site because that is hard on us. We are senior citizens and have physical disability so it was hard for us to do. We can't afford to pay alot for the recycling program but would definitely use it.

Recycling may not seem like a city issue, particularly when fat cats can burn away fuel flying around the country in private jets. That said, we all share this world and can make a difference together. Recycling is a small way a town like ours can play our part.

Chesapeake. If we do reinstate curb side recycling there needs to be a large, clear sticker on the outside of the barrel and the inside lid. That label should list everything that should and should not go into the barrel.

Have not recycled since stopped. No reason to restart. Don't care anymore.

The city should do this service and keep the recycling going .

If Chesapeake decides to use the pick up recycle service and there is a fee, will residents be able to opt out?

We already pay for trash pick. This should be included in that fee.

We subscribed to Happy Planet and paid the yearly fee of \$220 to include glass. They were very prompt and always responsive to my inquiries. Unfortunately, HP is running in the red and they emailed customers that their fee would increase to \$100 per month. When my subscription ends in July we will subscribe to Recyclops. We are willing to pay \$20 a month if the City Council wisely agrees to reinstate the city's recycling program.

why should I go thru the trouble of separating the trash if you are just going to put it all in the same trash heap?

This service should be included in the taxes we already pay.

Chesapeake I think a citizen vote should have determined whether we should have continued or discontinued recycling.

recycle.

Also I live in Edinburgh and there are no close Recycling sites near me.

When recycling was in place prior to the cancelation it was included as part of our bi-monthly bill. I checked \$5; however, we might pay more. It would depend on the quality of service.

Recycling is a good thing. I pay for piss poor drainage ditch/easement maintenance. I break down my boxes as a navy habbit. Please do better with my resources that you take. I'd rather pay a small monthly fee for recycling than waste water BS when I live on well water and septic

I like to recycle, but I am not willing to pay for it. I feel I pay enough taxes for this service to be included.

I have not seen enough services I pay for being in a mosquito control zone nor from the stormwater fees that I pay biyearly.

Glass needs to be collected for recycling too ...

Bring back curbside recycling soon!!

All communities should recycle

Please bring back the curbside can recycling.

My household produces three bags of recyclable material for every one bag of trash. Recycling is critical for us to the point where we had no choice but to pay for a private recycling contractor as the nearest collection station is prohibitively far away and simply not convenient to use under any circumstance as we do not have a truck to load and haul bags of recycling with.

I really liked the biweekly pickup service that we had before ! I understood what went in and things were easy not now.. I think more people will recycle if it is home pickup!"

Chesapeake You are actually paying for NOT recycling by the increased cost in garbage dumped.

Chesapeake if there has to be a fee, maybe add 10.00 to the storm water bill.

There should not be a Fee for recycling. There is no fee for trash collection.

Between property taxes and HRSD I feel the city collects enough fees.

Currently, throwing away glass just seems wrong. But, I understand why glass wouldn't be a good idea for a drop off site. Please bring back curbside recycling.

The City Leaders do an awful job at making the city green. But everyone always votes for the same people and the friends they endorse like it is some kind of club. Recycling is just one of the city failures. Try riding your bike anywhere and you are faced with ditches, traffic and no sidewalks. I would love to ride my bike to Dairy Queen with my kids. I live 1.3 miles away but Johnstown Rd is a disaster for any pedestrian. My kids would have to walk in yards and jump ditches to get to school. But there are plenty of unused sidewalks around the dollar tree (Summit Point) complex - too bad you can't get there without a car. My kids hate this area because they are forced to drive. My kids want to move out of this area because the city is hostile to pedestrians and cyclists. VB has lots of paths and sidewalks. I wish Chesapeake would get with the program and making this city greener. It's time.

It is important to continue recycling on a large scale in the city. People are more apt to recycle when it is convenient, and curbside is the most convenient method. While I am willing to pay for the service, I also realize that option is not feasible for everyone in the city, so cost to citizens should be a priority.

We would probably utilize the drop off locations if there were more of them located through the city.

Thank you for all that do for the city and being willing to hear from the public.

Bring it back please!

Make sure the recycling gets recycled and not put in the dump. Witnessed a truck empty the bins at the drop off location and everything went in the same truck, including the garbage dumpster. What's the point in separating if the collectors aren't doing their job?

We pay Chesapeake City tax, they can pick up recycling. i hate throwing away recyclables however we will not go our of your way to recycle. Thank you

Our taxes should allow this service!

We need to be better examples for our children. We only get one Earth.

Not sure why Chesapeake ended recycling but it was a mistake that needs to be corrected. Burying recyclable materials is not responsible.

Please bring back recycling to Chesapeake, VA.

No fee needed as we are all taxed enough. But if we have to, then we will need to pay. Recycling is needed!

I used curbside recycling all the time but being on a fixed income now I couldn't afford another bill

My taxes are high enough

Taxes are already too high. Raging this away did nothing for the tax base. Incredibly stupid decision on everyone involved.

The city should be ashamed that they got rid of recycling services.

We pay high taxes in this state and the one good environmental thing is taken? This beautiful city will be the one to pay for it.

Do better! Bring back recycling!

Be green and help the planet thrive!

We all MUST do our part to save our City, State and World for our children and grandchildren

Chesapeake, caring for and protecting our environment is imperative for the future of our city and our world. Your citizens are ready and willing to invest in the health of our environment with your help to provide this vital city service.

Recycling and composting are foundational to a sustainable city. We need to be embracing sustainability and innovative solutions to drive Chesapeake into the future.

My son observed the Russel Memorial drop off site being picked up by the company recycling. After having us separate our items they combined them all together and off he went!

It's embarrassing to be the only city in the area that doesn't recycle.

Recycling is important. Not just for the environment, but for the economy. The loss of programs like this will naturally affect the prices of materials and therefore manufacturing and over cost of goods.

Please bring recycling back to Chesapeake.

I miss Recycling because of my family saying it helps our environment, but I

am too old to take items to drop off places. Living on a fixed income would make it hard for me to pay a monthly fee.

Just remember that some of us might not have the time or access to a drop-off site. Cutting costs to increase workers' wages is definitely a noble idea, but it might not always work the way you think.

I put that I am not willing to pay a fee, but would be willing to receive a quarterly or semiannual bill. 15 per quarter or 25 semi annual. But I believe that something needs to be done to reinstate it. We just do not have the space and time to store extra recycling bags/bins at our home and then take it to a drop off point. We used our blue bin regularly and most times it was filled.

If people don't want to pay, they should turn in their blue bin. "

Where do our tax dollars go?

I like to recycle

I am very pro recycling. But not everyone followed what was appropriate to recycle anyways in the blue containers. First. after reading the articles that half the recycled trash had to hauled to the dump anyways. Second some of the recycling was sent to china and did not know what they did with it. Third, glass was too heavy to haul. Fourth, I recycle cans and take them to metal yard or give to the animal control. Fifth, no more separate fees just add a cent on to taxes. I would rather see the money pick trash on the side of the road.

This was the stupidest thing to take away!! Alot of your residents actually want to recycle. Though we do use the drop off sites, we are unable to go

as frequently as we like. We use Russell Memorial Library and feel bad for the residents there that have to listen to people drop off, especially since it is available 24 hours a day. Please bring this service back, it is very much a necessity!!!

Chesapeake, please bring it back. I'm sure others would be willing to pay for something for the service.

We no longer recycle but would if reinstituted. Not willing to pay though. Both of us are seniors and living on limited income.

When the landfills are overfull, who is going to pay for new land to use since we do not seem to afford recycling in the city? Think about how much more that will cost than the recycling would cost and how much longer that would delay having to increase the area to hold trash.

I truly hope recycling comes back. Our students/children need to see how important it is to their future

I hope there are options to recycle glass items, no matter what happens.

No comment

Should have never done such a silly thing as stopping it. Now, I put out more garbage. The city looks silly in the eyes of other like cities that recycle.

Please bring back recycling services. It's our way to help Mother Earth! I'm willing to pay extra for the city services.

no fees use money from where it used to come from. This is a business, it should be a non profit.

It is ignorant to not recycle!

We really need to recycle. Chesapeake is not a third world country.

Please bring it back. Most of our trash is recycled.

I think with the general efforts for recycling and trying to get rid of so much junk. It's a shame Chesapeake even stopped recycling. I don't drive so dropping off at locations is not an option for me. Plus I am of it age that I don't move around a lot Would really like to see recycling started again

Chesapeake, we moved here in June of 2022 to find out that curbside recycling was done. We never received a blue container. We have utilized recycling everywhere we have been stationed. We do take our recycling to the applicable sites which has gotten better but it is a hassle and takes valuable time. I know not everyone does that. In addition now more cars are driving to sites so that can't be better for the environment either. I would love to see the program return and I am willing to pay. With my luck it won't return until after we have to move again.

Why would there be a fee? What is Chesapeake collecting taxes for? If Chesapeake is going to begin itemizing services in Chesapeake please do so , I can assure that it would lower a lot people's taxes!

Please return our recycling program! Our taxes are high enough!!

We used a private company in lieu of the city pick-up. However, the company recently stopped offering the recycle services and the alternatives are too costly. We would love for the city to start providing it again, even if there is a small fee to pay extra.

Thanks!

Like to recycle for the environment but not able to pay a large amount, was done before without a fee

This should be a city service, paid for by tax dollars. It demonstrates the City's commitment to sustainability.

We need the curbside pick up. I said when you first stopped I would continue but it hasn't worked out for me

Need to recycle glass also.

Would love to have recycling back. Everyone in our neighborhood used to recycle b

The city needs to educate citizens what items are recyclable. I see people dropping off bags full of stuff in the recycle bins as well as items that should not be recycled. If these citizens are taking the time to drive the items to the recycle locations then there must be willing to learn and understand how to properly recycle. There needs to be more education and outreach.

Should not have to pay extra for a city service that should have never been taken away to begin with.

The rest of the world is moving toward being more environmentally friendly and Chesapeake is getting rid of curbside recycling which encourages people to recycle. With what we pay for personal property tax and the amount of development within the city we should be able to have curbside recycling without an extra fee. How about not building a clock tower behind city hall and using those funds toward recycling! There are other areas I'm sure we can cut costs to allow for curbside recycling again.

As a senior citizen, it is difficult for me to load recyclables in my car to go to the drop off site near me.

Recycling through the city of Chesapeake is a waste of taxpayers money. If you had listen to the speakers for city council. The contract was wrong from the start. Most of the recycling ended up with the trash . The speaker admitted it was poorly managed. Private vendors can do a much better job. Use of drop off sites are working even though people are trying to say different. The city of Chesapeake has no business pushing another fee on us. Especially now with high inflation. Gas and food prices are out of sight. The new system is working and will improve over time.

We use the same blue recycling bin that gets picked up during trash pick up day.

Chesapeake needs to reinstate curbside recycling. Many citizens won't go through the trouble of taking recycling to drop off sites or paying a company to pick up. It is 2023 and the expectation should be for all cities to offer this, not go backwards. It is embarrassing and appalling that city "leaders" cut this service to begin with.

If it was \$50 or less a year we'd be willing to pay

Bring it back!

Save the planet!

It should be everyone's responsibility to be good custodians of the only planet we have and the govt should be making that easy and convenient to do and communicate how important that is to the public...

Don't understand why they stopped recycling when we the tax payers were paying .

Glass should be recycling and more numbers for plastics.

One of our properties in Chesapeake we pay \$18 a month for trash service and we have no trash service please use that money for recycling. All of our other businesses we moved to Portsmouth nine or ten years ago. If Chesapeake doesn't recycle we are pitiful and should be given back to Norfolk. We have failed! Call me I would be happy to talk to you about our experiences. Gregory S Zimple Sr, 757.621.1334

I used to use a commercial recycling company but they were extremely unreliable. I now use the city site. The city needs a glass drop off bin.

There's no reason for Chesapeake to have ever gotten rid of recycling. If it's reinstated it should be free, considering the high taxes we pay to live here.

The City of Chesapeake needs to factor in the cost to our local environment by canceling the curbside recycling when doing any cost-benefit analysis.

I feel very strongly that the city recycling service should be returned. Every little bit helps in saving the earth.

Please bring recycling back. PLEASE!

We are putting out twice as much trash since we don't recycle so it would seem to me the city is doubling their time and resources on trash pickup

We recycle cardboard only now at the library on Taylor road. We recycled 100% before and have been for years. It is painful to me to throw things I know are recyclable in the trash for a landfill. We need to be more mindful of our planet and it's future

I would appreciate a deduction of our personal property taxes to offset a fee for recycling. I would like to help protect our planet by having a recycling program in place.

Chesapeake we miss the curbside program quite a bit. Our "private" service is a different day than regular trash so there's one challenge (remembering to place the container at the curb) and it costs too much.

Would love to have recycling back in the city of Chesapeake.

More people would definitely recycle if provided by city.

I am sorry we are in this position and am now almost irritated.

Curbside recycling is one of the amenities I consider when looking at places to live. I was extremely disappointed when it was discontinued. The city sites are not big enough and the lack of glass recycling for such a

recyclable material doesn't make sense. Please bring back curbside recycling.

recycling is a good & necessary evil that we should participate in, but it has to be made easy

Please bring back curbside recycling. The drop off centers are inconvenient for me. I am more than willing to pay a fee for this service.

I pay enough money in property tax and real estate tax that the city of Chesapeake should reinstate the recycling program for free.

Chesapeake we pay enough taxes we should not have to pay for recycling when the program was free before. You should utilize the same recycling containers and if you did I would be willing to pay \$5 per month. No more than that.

With the substantial increase in real estate tax revenue, there should be commiserate services provided. Additionally, curbside recycling is customary in communities of our size and should be offered to stay competitive.

I don't understand how they keep developing the city more and more with both residential and commercial projects and increasing our taxes, yet they keep cutting services. Where's the delta going...?

Curbside recycling should be covered by our city taxes. Some of our city leaders should take pay cuts to provide the people what they need.

Please bring back recycling! Save our earth!

We rarely recycled when the city did it and I don't see using it at all especially if we have to pay. Chesapeake is too expensive as is and we don't need another expense.

We are lucky that we live very close to a drop-off site and it is on the way into town. I understand that many people abused the recycling pick-up by fouling the material placed in the blue bins or were not intelligent enough to follow instructions. Recycling is an important civic activity, and if done properly, might return money to the city. Stronger enforcement of violation of the recycling program should be considered.

We absolutely should reinstate a recycling program. Recycling is taught in the schools as part of the CPS/VDOE curriculum and then....we don't have it in the schools or in the community.

I have to ask why the city is asking for additional fees for recycling service when they kept the fees after cancelling the service a couple of years ago?

It is a disgrace to have discontinued & even worse to have the audacity to suggest we pay for the service.

When we lived in Hampton, we had to pay more for trash pick up if we didn't recycle. So there was an incentive for recycling. Maybe something that Chesapeake could look into.

We use the toll plaza road site because the municipal center location had overflowing bins. Inconvenient!

Recycling needs to continue. We are losing our planet. I have a little two door car and cannot haul my own recycling to a drop off, or I would.

We also need to ensure it is actually being recycled once it arrives at the facility, and that it is being done properly. I have heard much of our recycling gets thrown out for whatever reason. "

Education is the key when it comes to a successful recycling program. A city as large as Chesapeake with an ever growing population should provide curb side recycling programs to the residents and businesses in the area. Even small changes such as monthly residential pick up versus bimonthly could be helpful tool.

Another great source is looking at how other similar size or larger cities are running their programs successfully.

The city needs to pursue waste management strategies that emphasize waste reduction and recycling with environmentally sound landfill management. In my opinion, the removal of curbside recycling was taking a step backwards from providing a clean and safe environment that we all deserve to live in. "

It's a basic service!

Recycling s/b mandatory!

If you really want to make an impact and pass on a better Chesapeake to your grandchildren make recycling free and charge for trash collection

Please bring this service back. The City of Chesapeake appears stuck in the past. If you want to attract and keep younger people in this city, you have to have more to offer than just housing. No recycling, no pools, no

city center, unkept roads, and no attractions. Just houses. Who would want to move here?

Bring it back or take my blue dumpster away.

When we had the ability to recycle curbside it was so functional and helpful for our family, our community & the world. We love being able to do our part and keep the streets cleaner and the animals safer."

What we pay in taxes is one of the highest cities in Hampton Roads. The City of Chesapeake should absorb and reinstate curbside recycling.

Please advise what the city has done with the money that previously was used for recycling? The drop off points don't accept glass and limit the types of plastics accepted. We don't recycle cans due to the current cost of water and the amount of water waste cleaning cans. If the decision is made for us to pay for this, please expand the types of materials that could be recycled. Thanks.

Chesapeake please reinstate curbside recycling!!!!

Bring back recycling program

Curbside recycling should never have been discontinued.

It's why I voted against certain people in the November election.

Do your job and return the service with no extra fees.

Would love to see recycling back in city of Chesapeake. The drop-off sites are convenient but does not accept glass.

A recycling program may not be the most cost effective measure for the city, but it's shortsighted and irresponsible not to have one. In the long run, if a recycling program is done right it will help to keep our community environment healthy.

Chesapeake please bring back curbside recycling. Fine those that don't separate properly to create appropriate compliance.

This service should be provided at no cost for our communities, given the taxes we pay for the city.

This is a service them City should provide given the incredible high taxes they assess on our houses and cats.

Ridiculous that a city this size would not have curbside recycling in place - especially after there was a program in place - start over with a phased approach ??? But do something please

I would love to see recycling come back. I use the drop off points but not as often as I used pickup. I would consider paying a small fee for the city to continue recycling pickup.

Or perhaps the city could pickup once a month instead of twice? I don't always have the time to take boxes to the park for drop off.

Chesapeake- as homeowners and tax payers, we don't believe fees should be assessed for this service, nor should we have to use private services.

Maybe the city should stop buying properties that they don't need and spend the money on recycling.

Chesapeake I would love to have recycling back. I haven't used the drop off points because it is not convenient, and I have also seen plenty of comments on City Facebook pages listing problems i. e. hard to reach, over flowing, etc.

Property taxes have exponentially risen the last 3 years. Taxes go up services go away. Where are the tax dollars going if not for recycling!

The recycling bins at Chesapeake City Park seem to always be full when we take recycling materials there on the weekend. That deters us from recycling. We hope the city brings back curbside recycling.

we are happy with the private recycling service. Besides, no matter how much you emphasize what items are recyclable or not, some people dont care what they throw in the bin.

With the discontinued service I did not get a tax break. I'm not willing to pay more for a service that was built into my taxes.

We recycle everything we can. That is why I contracted with Recyclops. The main problem with city recycling is getting citizens to understand what goes into containers. So I imagine there's much contamination. I don't mind paying but I want my recycling to be RECYCLED.

Maybe a second brown container for those who don't wish to participate?

Good luck with this.

There should be incentive to proper recycling considering I'm having to pay for a service that should be a given.

Please bring back the recycling service. I am into recycling but I don't have time to bring the items to the site, and I can't rely on my family to do it.

Let the people that won't it pay for it.....

I would go back to recycling if the city brought it back even with a fee.

I want to start recycling again. Every time I put items that can be recycled in the regular garbage I think about how much faster landfills are going to fill up faster. Please restart recycling again in Chesapeake. Thanks

I want to do my part to protect the environment, however being a senior citizen it's hard to haul all recycled materials to another place.

We were avid recyclers. When the city stopped the recycling program I didn't want to stop, however driving to a designated area just wasn't going to happen. We signed up with a private recycling company and I loved being able to recycle again, even for a small monthly fee. However they recently discontinued the service at the price point they started with and quadrupled the price. While I understand the cost of things and traveling around the city made it impossible for them not to raise the price, it made it cost prohibitive for us to do so, so we no longer recycle. Recycling is so

important for many reasons and I don't understand why the city wouldn't want to make it a priority. Please bring back recycling!!

We now use 3 trash bins full of trash that is approximately 50% recyclable.

You don't indicate whether your usage query measures material by weight or volume.

Why not recycle if it helps the environment and provides sustainable energy conservation opposites? I recycle when the tools like the curbside service are available and its convenient. Otherwise I drop recyclables in the trash and keep it moving. I don't have time nor the energy to go to a drop off site, especially when I have to travel out of my normal routine.

I am also willing to pay a very nominal cost for the service, but nothing that will be cost prohibitive. "

I'm not willing to pay a fee due to the recent increased property value assessment (sic) and I'm sure, the corresponding increases tax assessment; inflation costs and the corresponding shrinking value of my monthly SSI income.

I am willing to pay a little extra to keep recycling curbside pick-up.

Chesapeake the recycling I was using just ended due to them having to raise the price to \$100 a month

It was a mistake to drop the curb side recycling. I think we pay enough taxes for the city to provide free service.

I believe we paid and overpay taxes right now to cover the recycling program. Especially that real estate tax.

I think the recycling program is a waste of time and a waste of money that could be better spent.

Any curbside recycling is desired

It was a step in the wrong direction when curbside recycling was terminated last year. An immeasurable amount of reusable materials have been sent to a landfill since the end of the program. It proves that planning for the future is not one of Chesapeake's strong suits and makes me want to live somewhere that actually takes into account the welfare of it's citizens and the environment now and in the future.

Discontinuing city-funded curbside recycling was a big mistake. I think most residents would value its return and would be willing to pay a small fee--which would probably be less than private companies charge for more limited programs.

Using Recyclops, \$12 bi weekly with glass added.

I haven't been overly impressed with Chesapeake City services overall but when they stopped this vital program I was disgusted. Let's redeem ourselves and **BRING BACK THE RECYCLING PROGRAM!!!!**

I believe that recycling should be mandatory. We are way behind other countries in this regard. Also, please don't reinstate the program if it's not legitimate recycling. That would be a waste of resources.

Unless we want to swim in plastic we must try to reduce our waste. I used a private company who has stopped service(\$100 a month is not feasible)

we shouldn't have to pay for this. Enough taxes gets taking out now for stuff that doesn't get fixed. If any offer once a month pickup items.

Thanks

I refuse to use the drop off sites. We pay too much in taxes for me to have to drive my recycling all over Chesapeake. The cost of real estate tax skyrocketed, but yet the city can't afford to recycle. Makes zero sense as to where that money is going. We should have the convenience of the city picking up recycling again.

I would like the recycling program reinstated however I am not willing to pay for it. Real estate taxes are too high as it is.

Please bring it back. Already too much going to land fills

Instead of bi Weekly pick up the city can have a monthly pick up for no extra cost. Additional pick up can be charged.

I thought I was already paying for curbside service. I was really sad when it stopped. It would provide jobs for many.

What happened to 'Keep Chesapeake Clean and Green'!?

We pay enough taxes. This should be re-instated

WE pay extra for glass. I much prefer the city pick up

The city is ALREADY increased rates to pay for recycling, then stopped it and sure didn't lower rates.

The city is ALREADY IS paying to dump almost all of what material was being recycled with regular trash now.

The collection points that they set up are AWFUL. Very restrictive of what they will take. I did it one time and when I had to take much of it back and throw it in the trash anyway...NEVER AGAIN.

Stopping recycling was short-sighted and gives Chesapeakeans the message waste is no problem. It might cost more to recycle than you can earn from sales of the recycling but we need to follow my mother's Yankee advice: ""Use it up, wear it out, make it do or do without.""

We also need to focus on waste REDUCTION, especially food waste bad for both our budgets and the planet as it produces a lot of methane as it rots in landfills."

Saving our recycles became a problem because saving articles became unpleasant and took up too much space.

I think we pay plenty for city services with current fees and tax rates.

As much as the real estate assessment was raised that could more than pay for recycling.

We would definitely use the Recycling program if it gets reinstated. Like everyone else, convenience is the way most people go, and it's a shame to not be re-utilizing these recyclable materials, but most people don't have the time to go out and find recycling containers to put these items in. The recycling program that Chesapeake provided was so convenient and it would be very appreciative to bring it back.

I would be willing to separate things if the city provided the containers for it if I also knew that it was actually getting recycled.

I believe the survival of our world is dependent upon doing everything we can to reduce plastics in our oceans and cardboard and paper in our landfills. Recycling is one of the best ways to accomplish a cleaner, safer world to leave for our children and grandchildren. Please vote for recycling. Thank you.

Chesapeake Recycling should be a service provided to all tax paying households. This is not an option but a must to maintain our environment which is the responsibility of the government it owes its citizens. This should be part of the Municipal Budget and not a burden on residents. Perhaps the city should invest in its own recycling system rather than that of a private company, providing jobs for our citizens, reducing sentences of certain inmates.

This past year, our property assessments, and in turn our taxes, have risen appreciably. So we are paying more taxes for same or less services. As such, why would a resident opt to pay more for services that should already be provided? When recycling services were discontinued, did residents get a reduction in taxes in lieu of the reduced services? No. We pay enough taxes. Why not just focus on reducing the certain waste within the City operations rather than keep hitting up residents for more money?

If the city is serious about its green initiative programs and efforts, it will reinstate its curbside recycling pickup program. The service is convenient and it should be affordable based on the taxes citizens of Chesapeake pays.

Without this service, citizens will not make an effort to handle their waste in an environmental friendly manner mixing recyclable material with regular trash.

I work near a drop-off site so it's convenient for me. However, people who don't have this convenience may be discouraged to recycle. Larger families with more recyclables have to make more frequent trips so it becomes an effort to responsibly recycle, an effort that many people don't have time for or want to put forth. Although I have a convenience, I would rather pay \$10 a month to be able to use a large trash bin, as apposed to small crate that I have to haul away once or twice a week. Plus I'd like to see glass being recycled too. I believe if we did more PSAs on what can & cannot be recycled, people would be more cognizant about what they put in the bins. But I think citizens should be given individual choices so the ones who don't use it, don't have to pay. Overall, I think most people will pay for the convenience. The way I see it, it is our responsibility to leave this earth as healthy as possible for future generations, and I'm willing to pay a small monthly fee towards that. Let's make Healthy Chesapeake about environmental health as well as human health.

Chesapeake I have been an avid recycler for all of my life and it is disappointing not to have an easier way to recycle. Many people do not take advantage of the drop off site because it is a hassle to take the items elsewhere. All of that ends up in a landfill.

Recycling plastics sounds good but is a myth! The market has

disappeared and has led to situations like what was just experienced in Richmond, IN. Don't listen to a bunch of do-good, emotional citizens with "opinions"—get the facts from the recycling professionals—like the folks at Tidewater Fibre and Bay Disposal. They are in the business and know where money can and can not be made. You saw the cost of the service skyrocket; well, that's why! As to glass, steel, aluminum, paper, and cardboard—well, there is still a market, but not a very lucrative one. Again, do the research with the sources in the industry. Then decide if the cost is worth it, or are we potentially creating another situation like Richmond experienced? Then educate yourselves on the waste-to-energy facility in Portsmouth. It extracts steel and aluminum from the solid waste stream (read "city trash") and recycles it. And plastics, when mixed with the normal waste stream, have a very high BTU value that contribute to an excellent fuel mix for their boilers, and the emissions can be controlled by their emission control equipment to prevent air pollution. Is this "recycling"? No, not in its purest sense—a new bottle is not being made from an old one. But, if we "recycle" those bottles, do we make new ones anyway. Again, talk to the professionals about what the future of our recycled plastics is. By using the material as fuel you are "reusing" it to produce steam and electrical power. It stays in the municipal waste stream and provides a measurable value to society at a fraction of the cost of a recycling service—curbside OR drop off. When/if the situation changes and recycling becomes a practical, financially viable practice then this policy should be re-evaluated. But, at this time your best option is to keep the plastics, paper, and cardboard in the municipal waste stream. Let the waste-to-energy folks separate the tin and aluminum cans, and the scrappers" take larger metal items to the facilities which handle those. Citizens don't need to pay for a placebo that is practically providing no benefit.

By not having the ability to recycle feels immoral for what our world needs. Recycle sites are not feasible for those of us that have busy lives including work and management of a household of 7. Recycling allows us to teach our future generations how to take care of our planet.

Please bring back the recycling program. A lot of people are not going to take the time to recycle if they have to go to a place to drop off their recycling. They'd just throw it in the trash. There's too much stuff being thrown out that could be recycled and it hurts our environment.

Please bring back Chesapeake's city recycling, it breaks my heart of adding to this destruction of our earth. Furthermore, I was not aware that there was a recycle drop-site.

Let's keep stuff out of the landfills, please.

If any additional monies are needed for recycling it should come from/within our real estate tax payments. Or some other type of tax like the Storm Water taxes collected..

We have lived in Chesapeake since 1972 and have recycled ever since the city started curb side pick up. We really miss it but due to us being senior citizens now recycling at the drop off sites is difficult. We don't recycle at all now and really miss it.

I think recycling is important. I know that many people who used to do it did not do it correctly and that is not good for the environment. If people will follow the instructions, it would be better.

The city drop off sites fill up quickly despite the number of containers. I use the one by the library so that says a lot. I really would like to see glass recycled because I use glass products more than plastic.

We already pay sanitation fees and taxes are going up based on real estate inflation. I feel it should already be included in what we already pay.

I would only want recycling to come back if it done properly. Have residents separate materials at home. I would rather go back to the small bins if needed.

I'm fine without the recycling program.

I am at a loss as to how you can't come up with a reasonable solution to this problem. It would be understandable if all of the surrounding cities were having recycling issues as well, but they aren't. Why can't you model our recycling program around what our neighboring cities are doing?

With the increase in my real-estate tax I feel that should cover the cost of curbside recycling.

Chesapeake is a vibrant community, it reflects poorly upon us that we cannot do something as basic as recycling.

I really don't care how much it would cost to reinstate the recycling program. As a person who is committed to recycling, it pains me to throw out glass. I would prefer not to pay more than \$10 a month but I'd be willing to pay whatever I need to to get it started again. There's no excuse for not having recycling as part of a city budget. Everyone has to do their part to protect the environment at this time.

Plastic recycling isn't viable. I would love to see curbside recycling of paper, cardboard, glass, and aluminum. However, a lot of people would probably assume that you can just throw anything in there just like the old plan.

I now pay a private company to pick up my recycling materials but I do

have to put it in bags tat the company does supply but having the blue can was much easier and I hope it starts again.

We are 80yrs of age. No longer able to use location for recycling near us. Could easily fill a recycle can each week. Still do.. Would pay for recycling if must. Please do this. Must save the planet.

Using internet to order a variety of things = paper & cardboard, also daily newspaper. Lots of glass and plastic from grocery store.

Please bring it back

The sites aren't plentiful and items need to be picked up more often

We should have been given the option to pay for curb side collection if we wanted to do so

Glass should be accepted

Very disheartening that the city isn't interested in keeping Chesapeake green

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration on this extremely important issue

Please return to curbside recycling. I reduce my garbage by 85 per cent with curbside recycling.

I am elderly as is 50 % of Chesapeake's population, your figures. It putting extra work and stress on me.

I want to continue to recycle, so Please return curbside recycling to Chesapeake.

I utilize the City drop off site at city hall once a month. Its convenient and accessible. I am not willing to pay a fee for this service that I do for myself for free. I will opt out of having another BIN at my home! I don't think I should be charged anything if I OPT OUT or do not agree to have curbside recycling at my home. I already pay too much in CITY FEES and TAXES. You just spent how much money and wasted how much time on getting rid of Curbside Recycling? Now you want to, pardon the pun, Dig it up again? How outrageous! You got rid of recycling, move onto the next issue.

Stop wasting money on this, almost nothing actually is recycled anyway.

It is vital to our environment to recycle. I do not understand why this service was abandoned by my city, all other cities in Hampton Roads charge a fee per household but Chesapeake decided to discontinue the service instead of letting its citizens shoulder some of the cost. I hope this survey means Chesapeake is going to right this wrong it did when it stopped curbside recycling.

No specific glass recycling receptacles are available at City drop-off site. Council might consider adding glass specific recycling.

Need to post more significant instructions on what not to put in recycle such as plastic bags. People often put bags of aluminum cans into bins.

I have not comments.

Chesapeake as a handicap person it's not worth the effort to recycle at drop off sites

Amazon boxes are killing is... maybe with the Amazon place on Campostella... we could "return" our boxes if they had a bin outside?? "

Why would I want to pay when you have raised the prices of water and sewage also.

Please reconsider recycling in Chesapeake again. People care. Our family still separates our trash for trash and recycling even though it all goes to the same place.

When we first looked into to Alternative recycling, we thought that it was too expensive. Not to mention the fact that the cost of everything else has risen including food, gas and our utility bills. With our busy schedules we don't have time to drop off recycling either.

Thank you.

As shown in question 8, I am not interested in curbside recycling if it adds another fee to the taxes and fees that we already pay. If there is a fee of any amount then next year it will be increased greatly with no opportunity to drop out.

Knowing that only a very, very small amount of what goes into the recycle bins are actually usable for recycling, the city should not invest money into this project. From a business perspective, the cost would outweigh any

benefit. If someone ran a business like that, they'd be out of business quickly. Do not implement this again just to make some people "feel good."

We pay plenty of taxes each year. I believe that the personal property and real-estate should pay the cost for curbside recycling. Keep recycling like it was before 2022.

Use some of the money for schools.

Most people enjoy the feeling that the environment is being well maintained and taken care of with recycling programs implemented in our local communities.

It just feels like the right thing to do.

Recycle or don't. Don't really care

Contractors and pick up the recycle material drain the city of funds because it is government. Make them pay for the honor of picking up recycle material.

Chesapeake. I don't know why they did away with curb side recycling. Every time I go to the recycling bins at the Indian River Library recycling section the bins are almost always full. They even added an extra bin there. I think they should reinstate curbside recycling and make recycling easier for everyone.

The program was a complete waste of taxpayers money with many problems. The market for recycles is not there and the city should not be supporting it. Private vendors can do a much more efficient job. Leaving the

taxpayer the right to decide if they want to participate in the program through a private vendor or use the drop off sites .

Despite many Americans believing that what they carefully sort is recycled and turned into something new, it is often shipped abroad to developing countries without the capacity and infrastructure to efficiently recycle waste. Despite this, these waste exports are counted as “recycled” by official figures

Feel citizens need better instruction on what can and cannot be included (difference in a cereal box vs packing box) etc to make sure things are properly sorted and if we go back to pickup clarifying what can be included (no greasy pizza box, rinse out pasta sauce jar etc) to make sure you receive the right materials to keep this working for everyone.

The recycling program, whether at home or drop off, should provide the ability to dispose of regular alkaline batteries (AA, AAA, 9V, etc)

Taxes are high enough- government needs to provide more services not less

I feel that we should not have to pay for recycling. Especially since we pay so much in taxes.

Hoping we can continue to protect the environment and its habitats!

Bring back curbside recycling!

Wouldn't it be more efficient for people to separate their recycling for pickup and trucks to pick it up and keep it separated on the truck?

I think people who care about recycling also want to know that it actually gets recycled and doesn't end up in the landfill because of contamination."

I already pay taxes. Why would I agree to pay an additional fee? In my opinion the reason we don't have recycling now is that the program was mismanaged. It is just sad.

I am willing to pay a fee that is reasonable to the city and its citizens for curbside recycling as I do not have the means to recycle on my own. Meaning, getting the material to a recycling site. Also, private recycling services are not worth it. They only offer a 13 gallon bag of recycling which doesn't fit most recycling materials."

I did not realize how much we were able to recycle until the service was stopped by the City. The amount of trash our household produces has more than tripled. We are unable to bring recyclables to drop off areas. My husband (firefighter) and I (RN) both work long shifts and it makes it difficult to get things like that done. In 2023, is irresponsible of a modern-day city to not assist their residents with recycling. Chesapeake, please bring back curb side recycling!

I believe that if you want to recycle then there are plenty of drop off locations.

The bad thing about recycling is that about 90 % of everything is suitable to recycle and just goes in trash anyway. "

Since Chesapeake is the only city in HR that doesn't charge for trash removal, perhaps the city should just charge a flat fee for trash and include recycling. This way residents cannot complain they don't want to pay for

recycling if they don't support recycling. I honestly wouldn't charge more than \$10/mo for the combined removal. With increases in all city taxes lately, going over 10/mo wouldn't go over well. With approximately 90,000 households in Chesapeake, at 10/mo, and assuming 60% are single family homes, the city could generate over \$500,000 per month plus fees for multi-family structures. This should cover 5-6 additional trucks for recycling. Fact is people who want to recycle WILL recycle, the key is convincing people it is a good idea. Municipalities haven't done a good job at doing this.

Recycling is a waste of time. China does not buy those materials any longer.

You would do us a better service allowing yard waste grass, branches etc to be collected in the blue bins rather than clear bags which are so difficult to handle and lift as a senior citizen. Those I think the city still can mulch.

I do not have many items that ever qualified for your old blue bin recycle categories.

Whatever you do DO NOT increase my costs. PLEASE

I am unsure if recycling is an economically viable option for the city. Where would the materials be taken, what percentage is actually recycled, and unless that information is satisfactory I am unwilling to pay for a service that will send the majority to the landfill anyway.

I attempted to use a drop off site 3 times and each time the bins were full and it was difficult. I ended up paying for recycling and it sucks. I hate using plastic bags for my recycling and miss my bin.

The amount of garbage my neighbors put out is ridiculous. it's bad.

We used a private recycling company in the summer and fall of 2022. We decided to cancel our service with them because they did not provide bins (we had to supply our own bags), they did not collect all recyclables and the service cost over \$30 per month.

We pay enough taxes and the program ran properly should be self sustaining.

I'm not willing to pay a fee. I will not recycle if its forced upon the citizens.

People who recycle should just pay for a private service.

Why would we be paying a fee? The money used for recycling was redistributed to the general sanitation program since there was increased need. If the city goes back to recycling, then one could assume the sanitation financial needs would decrease and therefore shifted back to recycling.

We already pay enough in taxes to cover this service. The recent years of exorbitantly property tax increases seem designed to displace the working class and retirees out of their homes. After paying taxes here for almost forty years there should be some relief for retiring seniors. "

Too much money to recycle and I do not want to start again at home. I vote NO.

Do not reinstate curbside recycling as the percentage of materials collected for recycling are not ultimately recycled. It's a "feel good" service which the funds could be used elsewhere."

I feel we pay enough in taxes to begin with. We keep paying more and more for less and less. Not willing to pay any extra. Actually getting rid of paying the private company and just throwing it all away because of the prices for everything is just too high.

Please help us keep Chesapeake and the earth clean. So many people are not recycling at all now because it can be difficult to use drop off sites and the posted hours on their website aren't enough.

I was in favor of doing away with program and still feel the same way. Other cities have terminated the program. Only a matter of time.

Chesapeake When the city took recycling away it should have been voted on by the citizens. The decision should not have been made by just council members. They are not the only ones who live on the city. If the citizens voted it out ok. We had no voice.

As much as this city takes off our backs in taxes for them to not offer recycling is a joke.

Please bring recycling back!!! We just had to change to an alternative private service due to our original choice (Happy Planet) cancelling its service to the area due to price pressures. A city this size should be "all in" on recycling.

I feel that Chesapeake can more than afford to reinstate recycling to help the environment. The reality is that most people will just throw those items in the regular trash without having recycling available. And although the cost of living in Chesapeake has increased significantly since I moved here initially in the 90's, the services provided have not, not to mention the massive removal of natural habitats and wetlands to build more housing

which is obviously providing more revenue meaning Chesapeake can definitely afford to provide recycling for no added cost."

We use Recyclops. We also have them pick up the glass. That is put into a separate container. Their system works pretty well except cardboard. Cardboard has no container so you cannot put it out when it is raining.

All this extra trash can't be good for landfill capacity. We had 1 trash bin and 2 recycling bins. Now it seems like we have 3 trash bins, and most weeks, all three are full.

With the taxes I pay, why should I pay for recycling. There is so much we are supposed to get with our tax revenue that we don't get. They used to do mosquito spraying frequently and now not so much.

Recycling as a global issue is a huge challenge and ditching curb service was a mistake. There are numerous comments about people not recycling correctly and that contaminates the recycling stream. Bring back the curb cans with large, bright, easy to read decals that spell out in very simple terms what can be put in the can. Some cans don't have one and many are too weathered to read (maybe place them on the inside of the lid...?). Additionally, there were some recycling videos on the city website that did not jibe with what was on the cans. So the city needs to do more to demystify what the program will accept in the cans. Bring curbside back!

I think the curbside recycling program is a worthwhile and valuable service to our community.

I am 75 years old and dragging recyclables to the dumpsters is not easy for me. I feel guilty every time I throw a recyclable in my garbage. I would love to have recycling back and willing to pay for the service.

Why should i pay for a service that my taxes do.

We pay enough in city tax to cover recycling collection especially since many recyclables are sent to the landfill still requiring city collection in regular trash pickup. City of Chesapeake needs to balance the budget the same as other cities within the Hampton Roads area.

We already pay a large amount in property taxes for areas that are not upkeep, why would we have to pay for recycling. The city stopped the recycling program because they didn't want to hire more workers to use the outdated trash trucks that required someone to lift the trash into the back of the truck. They had the bright Idea to get rid of the recycling and then use the recycling trucks.

The city should make this recycling program a priority to benefit our environment!!!

Our tax contribution should be spent wisely and recycling is one way of doing this.

Please do your best to re-implement this program.

Thank you!

I am so sad that the recycling program was discontinued. I desperately wish it would be reinstated and accessible for all.

We are certainly willing to pay the city for service and believe it is fair for the city to charge a fee.

As an alternative, we are ok with continuing to visit the drop off sites but strongly need an option for glass.

Take the fee out of the exorbitant property taxes I pay. Chesapeake needs to show that increase in money is being used for something. Also while I'm on a roll...stop the insane building of more housing. Show the community the plan for infrastructure and schools before you approve one more housing development.

Last time it was included in our taxes!

I'm not even sure what cardboard means. Is that just heavy cardboard from mailing boxes or thin cardboard from cereal and packaging boxes? This makes up about 25% of our recycling amount, maybe more. I'm so confused and unsure.

I've noticed the city presently picks up all trash (blue and brown cans) at curbside each time they come.

I pay enough taxes. The city can find a way to bring it back.

We drive (approx) 3 miles to drop off at city spot. Drive isn't bad but it's a bit of a hassle-collecting & transporting etc.. We still recycle all eligible materials, because it's important!! We still use our (clean) blue bin to hold items for trip!

Stopping curbside was a BIG mistake by Chesapeake! I get why we can't recycle glass at city sites (breakage, shards all over the site), BUT it was 1 of the first materials ever for recycle. (Past generations returned beverage bottles to stores for deposit, paper bags had multiple home uses. .)

We all need to use recyclable materials when possible (less plastic, less styrofoam!) for the future of our planet, our children (& their children) and all (land & water) wildlife.

Our taxes & utilities go up, yet we lose services that protect the environment! Shame on us for stopping Recycle service in Chesapeake.

This survey is not complete and aims to direct the company back in business rather than seeking a solution. The recycle service only took certain metal cans. I can set all scrap metal on the curb and scrapper metal men will take ALL of it and it costs the city nothing. Secondly, the recycle service only took flat, perfect 8.5x11 paper. It did not recycle all paper or all cardboard. It's a joke, a scam. Keep them out of our pockets and the city's. Encourage private citizenry to do it, just as I do with the scrap metal'ers. They do it on their own for free and live off the residual income from scrap. It works. Find ways to do the same with glass, cardboard, and all paper. Keep in mind, trees (paper) are nature's natural recyclable material.

So many things I read say it is not feasible to through the process of making this reusable. Not cost efficient etc. There is only 1 person in our 35 home development that pays a service to pickup their recyclable materials.

Please reinstate curbside recycling. Chesapeake, "the city that cares," should present itself as a 21st- century city that cares about the fragile coastal environment we occupy.

If recycle comes back, make it a choice not mandatory.

I refuse to pay for something I do not want or the city can't provide for free.

I strongly support the reinstatement of the curbside recycling program.

We pay plenty of taxes for this service to be put in place again. We make way more trash without it.

We miss it and it would help the environment too. Please consider putting recycling back!

I pay taxes for our leaders to make sure the city gets the services needed to make our city a better place to reside.

I have seen zero benefit from cancelling recycling. I thought it was a mistake when I found out about it and the "reasoning" about saving money to use for raises and recruitment and whatever else was cited as reasons to cancel the program did not sit well with me. I WILL remember this fiasco at election time and cast my vote accordingly. Make no mistake, I was and am still angry about this.

It is not my problem the city mismanages the budget and had to take away the recycle program. That is not the fault of the citizens of this city. If you'd like to help keep the planet clean, look in the mirror budget analysts and figure out where all the city money is getting wasted and can be reallocated for recycle program. Have a nice day.

It's shameful that Chesapeake discontinued recycling. It should not be considered optional given current environmental issues.

With discontinuing the city recycle service, you are helping fill the landfills and cause more pollution to our environment!! Wouldn't you rather help the environment?

The city taxes us to death as is, overdeveloped our city with ZERO regard for what we want, then the greed took away the recycling program. IF city leaders cared a bit they'd quit tearing our area down by penalizing us and give our recycling back. Yall solely care about all the come heres an not lifelong residents, we're tired of the corruption and insane taxes and rate increases on everyday services.

I was so disappointed when Chesapeake stopped curbside recycling. I am able to do the drop off recycling primarily because I'm retired. For those who work it's just one more task that many are just skipping in their already too busy life. I feel like our city went backwards in maintaining a community attitude of doing its part to help keep our planet clean and a better place to live. I know nobody really wants to pay more for anything but sometimes you have to set priorities and I feel like recycling should be a top one for our city. Please make this happen.

I consider recycling to be an important critical function to be provided by city services. For residents who cannot afford a private service, the city bins are inconvenient. With online shopping being so popular, the cardboard recycling has to be immediately addressed.

Other communities recycle plastics # 1 -7. I thought these were accepted at first at the drop off sites. Then I noticed only # 1s and 2s were being accepted. Other cities recycle more than only those two so I'm not sure why Chesapeake can handle only 1s and 2s. I believe those who recycle at separate locations or pay for the service are "true" to the cause of recycling.

It is incredible that in this day and age and all we know about the damage we have done to this earth, the decision was made to further pollute it. We need to be reusing every little thing we can especially since advancements

have been made to be able to use recycled materials to make new packaging and other items.

We moved to Chesapeake from Portsmouth in April 2021 and the discontinuation of the recycling service is the worst part about switching cities other than the taste of tap water here of course.

We need to recycle. To not do so is socially irresponsible.

I have only utilized the drop off location 3-4 times and only for cardboard. I would love to start recycling my plastic and glass and all cardboard/paper again. I do not have the space in our town home (4 kids) to hold onto it, so it goes into the trash. I love recycling and was hoping to do better at using the sites but with my busy schedule we just don't.

Would it be an option to only have curbside for those willing to pay and keep the city drop off sites? I know everything is about money so I am not sure how feasible that is either. I hope you can figure out a way to reduce waste and bring back curb side. Thanks!!

We are the only local city with such lacking services. All of our neighboring cities understand the importance of protecting our environmental future, except Chesapeake. It's embarrassing and shameful.

Please bring the recycling back.

It was cancelled although there was a surplus in the budget. If this city wants to attract young, professionals they need to look at their decision making processes. My daughter attends UVA and has zero desire to return here. She just asked recently why do we even have a welcoming center. Once she graduates, we intend to leave this city. Not retirement or young

adult friendly. I've lived here my entire life and we just build & build, the majority of the tax base is residential. No infrastructure, poor community centers...sad for a city this size.

Without curbside recycling, more is going into regular trash and will fill up our landfills more quickly including all glass which is not currently accepted at drop offs.

We need curbside recycling back!!"

Why do you now say that recycling is ineffective? Are you not saving money now? Roll cost from curbside collection into property tax, not more fees.

If we were paying a fee before, why did it not come off our local taxes when curbside recycling go away? I have no problem with paying for it, but let's make it reasonable

Taking away a service paid by taxes did not reduce my taxes so why shouldn't this service be reinstated at no cost?

Recycling is a very important component in helping to keep our planet green.

We do not need all of these recyclables taking up space in our landfills. Glass not breaking down, plastic taking a long time, and aluminum rusting away putting chemicals into the mix.

We would love to see the City of Chesapeake reinstate recycling for the

good of all. We are willing to pay extra for this service.

Lastly, accepting plastics beyond #1 & 2 and up to #6.

It is our wish that the City will reconsider.

And if reinstated, all should be informed of strict guidelines of what/what doesn't go in the bin as to not contaminate the recyclables.

Recycling is a primary and ESSENTIAL service. It should be funded before other programs. If the city needs extra revenue it should be for the optional activities, pet projects, and public-private partnerships. The citizens should have a referendum on any new taxes/fees for these optional expenses. In my opinion the city should provide police, fire, water, sewer, trash and recycling from the existing real estate and sales taxes. Fund those FIRST! I have never seen someone who is supposed to be a conservative cry and complain because he didn't get a new tax like our mayor did. Disgusting! Meanwhile, I'm a conservative and I believe in God but I wonder how much has been spent to put "In God We Trust" on city vehicles. How much will it cost people like me to defend the lawsuit when someone gets offended and sues the city over that? Government should be about setting priorities and some on this city council have personal agendas and their priorities are out of whack. Back to basics please!

Chesapeake- the City needs to either reinstate the curbside recycling program or provide a tax credit for those that utilize commercial vendors. It is abhorrent that one of the largest "cities" in Virginia does not offer a curbside recycling program. The lack of transparency I. The city government gives me great pause in our "community leaders".

The few times I did use the recycling, they were full and gross

Please reinstate curb side recycling! Thank you!

Woul like to be able to recycle glass if possible

It was a poor decision in the time of a climate change crisis. If the system that was in place previously wasn't effective, formulate a new system. You could have found money somewhere to continue the recycling program - you know the way you over assess homes, over assess each home by an extra \$1000 - it's all smoke and mirrors anyway!

I participated in city recycling and would continue to do so, even with a small monthly fee. However, I don't use a drop off recycle since I have to clean/store/compact/drop off and I don't have the room to store recyclables.

Chesapeake Recycling helps save resources and protects the environment.

Would like to see ads or something to inform people how to recycle.

Also would like to see a compost bin.

Please bring back curbside recycling. With the cost of gas I don't see any benefit with driving to a drop off location.

I'm tired of not recycling. This sucks.

Well since Creekside didn't have trash service cans, ours had to be

provided, even recycling was discounted and our recycling bins were replaced by trash cans. We will need recycling cans if the service was restored. "

We saw no decrease in our rates when recycling stopped. So there should be no increase but I'm willing to pay a little more to recycle. Having to drive to recycling stations is not convenient. Chesapeake should ABSOLUTELY reinstate curbside recycling.

We need the curbside back since so many people are unable to afford private companies or cannot go to dropoff sites.

Most of my neighbors do not recycle and their trashcan are overflowingthe night before trash day and trash is blown all over the street on windy days.

It's 2023. It's ridiculous that curbside recycling isn't offered. Get with the times.

I do not want the program to return.

City needs to include glass in their recycle program, which ever they decide to do. Curbside or drop off locations.

We really want recycle pick up back in Chesapeake!

My kids are so used to it and it's be great way to teach so many thing to our children.

Eliminating the recycling service was a step back for our community. In my cul de sac of 5 houses only 2 families (our's included) continued to recycle.

We used the local drop off spots b/c it was next to my office. Our neighbor paid a service. The remaining three neighbors chose to trash their recyclables b/c it was too cumbersome to drive their materials to a drop off spot. As a result between the three houses who do not recycle an additional 5 trash cans are put out on trash days beyond what they put out prior to the cancellation of recycle service.

I would like to see service restored and include glass. Glass is the one recyclable we have accumulated b/c the City decided not to have a drop off for it, for some reason. It seems paper, cardboard, and glass are the three items that would be the easiest to find a company to recycle for reuse.

Let's get us moving forward again and restore curbside recycling. My neighbors have said they would go back to recycling if it was made easy. "

WAS PAYING FOR A PRIVATE SERVICE. THEY COULDN'T CONTINUE AT \$15 A MONTH, WANTED TO INCREASE TO \$100. NOT IT ALL GOES TO THE DUMP. I'M TOO OLD AND NOT WILLING TO LOAD MY CAR WITH TRASH AND TAKE IT TO A DROP OFF SITE.

This is an essential city service. Too much recycling is going in the trash!

Need to be able to get glass recycling

If recycling is brought back, I recommend having better education for people, so the correct materials are placed in the containers

Chesapeake. I do not feel safe at the drop off facilities and I feel this should be a service provided by the city at no additional cost to the residents.

My husband and I were married 43 years ago and have been recycling

since the beginning of that. Now everything goes in the garbage and every time I put a recyclable item in the trash. I feel something is very wrong! Please bring back curbside recycling.

Would like to have the option to not pay for the months I am out of town

Would like to be able to have curbside collection it really takes a lot of effort to go to the collection site. I know many of my neighbors don't even waste their time.

I imagine city leaders acknowledge the benefits of recycling. It is not lost on people that recycling is a complex process and that all responsibility should not be placed on city workers to see that it can be accomplished. Communicate with your constituents how we can assist to improve the process without adding cost through taxes. I think you would be surprised at how well people would respond if you simply learned how to communicate with us effectively.

At a time when we should be doing more to help the environment it feels wrong to do away with curbside recycling. We heard (and saw pictures posted on NextDoor) the city's drop off sites were overflowing and, since we work full-time, we opted for the convenience of Recyclops. It saddens me to see blue bins at the curb and know that none of it is being recycled. We need to think about future generations and the impacts our decisions will have on them.

Sorry, but you didn't listen to the citizens when your bean counters slashed the recycling service. I am perfectly satisfied with the current situation, as all my trash is picked up weekly and, I have a bonus container when I have excessive waste for that week. No separating and making sure no unacceptable items are in the recycle bin. Easy win for me. If you do bring it back I will not pay any additional fee as I feel our excessive property



taxes should cover the cost.

I would participate and pay for the service as long as I know that the recyclable items actually get recycled and help our environment, and not treated like the rest of my trash. I was a consistent recycler because it was a convenient way to help the environment.

I would like the recycling program reinstated.

I am only willing to pay for recycling if the material collected is actually recycled and not disposed of in the general waste stream.

I am not willing to pay extra for recycling because I have read that most "recyclables" are not actually recycled.

Currently- I try to minimize trips to drop site I bag everything except cardboard in a clear lawn bag & take it in once every other week. I don't include my glass and haven't found a place to those items. I empty the bag at the site then reuse the bag - often sticky by now - to gather lawn clippings & debris. It is manageable but I'd very much prefer curbside pick. I'm a retired disabled Navy veteran and I have time   but if I was still active duty or if I wanted to work, it'd be unlikely that I'd keep up w/ it."

Recycling is a public good and a necessity for the future of our planet. It was irresponsible of the city to eliminate the program. Add a fee to EVERYONE's taxes and reinstate the program. The way it is set up now, only those with a conscience or those who can afford a paid service recycle; it also adds the burden of another errand for working, taxpaying adults.

Please save our planet and our city. So many people today just don't care, however let's make a concerted effort to preserve our planet for future generations!! Thanks

Please ensure that the materials collected are actually recycled!

I like the dropoff location at City Park as it is convenient for me and the amount of recyclables I collect. I do not want curbside service or the dropoff locations if the recyclables are not really being 100% recycled. Going through all the effort to recycle only to have it end up in the trash is not worth it.

We had saved our small blue boxes from years ago and use them to collect our recycling items. When they are full, we take them to our local recycling site at Russell Memorial Library. The only thing not accepted is glass items.

I don't understand how we are not recycling or why there would be an extra fee attached to do so. When I lived everywhere else (Hampton, Newport News, and even Florida) recycling was included with trash. We already pay so much more in taxes since moving here to Chesapeake, but we don't get the same services as in Hampton. This includes the ease of bulk pick up and having a yearly limit. "

We've uses the city recycling locations a few times and they have always been full. Curbside was the best! I'd be willing to pay \$10/m for ir to come back.

We used (my household) both private and city drop-off sites. We paid a lot for both regular and glass recyclables and would pay similar for the city to start up again and to include glass a more plastic types. We believe it is so wasteful to send recyclable materials to our landfills. The landfill near us is an eyesore to our beautiful area and smells horrible. I feel bad for the neighborhoods next to it! Also, more education on reuse of materials is needed for citizens of Chesapeake and the US as a whole. Finally, we need to promote businesses and industries that recycle. Why don't we

have enough of them in the US! Lets get going on recycling and reuse and we need to stop throwing things away that can be reused and stop putting them in landfills!

Please bring recycling back.

My taxes have increased sustantially within the past couple of years and there are new housing developments being approved and popping up everywhere adding to that tax revenue. I honestly don't see where that money is going. Roads are no better, no new schools are being built, and on top of that, no recycling?? The ONLY city within the 7 cities that doesn't? This shouldn't even be up for debate.

I would like to know what you are doing with this stuff and how much is really recycled. That would improve the likelyhlikelihood I would be willing to pay for it.

I would hope when and if the city reinstates the recycling program they thoroughly research what companies are able to accept and process the recycled materials.

If we continue without recycling trash dumps will be overwhelmed "

I have seen the trucks picking up the recycling materials mixing all the materials together.

We are Senior citizens now and on Social Security, so something else to pay isn't possible but we Do like to Recycle.

Options for fees for private service are too high. We pay only \$12/mo.

Recycling is good for the environment. If we want to have a better future we need to recycle & reuse! The landfills are already too full!

Please consider reinstating recycling. Our communities were active when we had curbside and it seems now much of what could be recycled gets thrown away. The drop off site is something some people will do, but even there all items cannot be recycled. We are already an extremely wasteful country, so whatever efforts the city can provide to curb that is very important to the future of this planet.

"My garbage can is heavier / fuller (full of glass and non-recycled materials) now than before. This is an obvious way to both help the environment, reuse base materials and decrease the amount of ""garbage"" going in to the landfill.

Expanding the list of what is recycled and offering it curbside will increase the use of the blue can. Not offering curbside is wasteful.

Bring back curbside recycling

If the things we put in recycling bins (curbside or at a drop off sites) actually get recycled (many rumors that most goes to landfills), then this needs to be communicated to everyone. Dispel the rumors!!

There MUST be waste somewhere in the Chesapeake budget to cover the vast majority of the cost of recycling.

Why would we pay for services we already had? Reinstate previous service

Recycled materials make up at least half of all waste we put at the curb.

As the WORLD tries to make the planet a better place for our children, Chesapeake nix that for DOLLARS!

Instead of reducing services to citizens, maybe they should manage the budget better!"

Please utilize our personal property taxes (which have increased significantly) to help pay for Chesapeake taxpayers' recycling costs. Half of the back roads are not being repaved (though needed) so the money can at least pay for recycling costs.

The collection sites don't take glass and this is a problem.

Please bring back the recycling program.

I am following the voting on this issue very closely, and any council member who *doesn't* enthusiastically vote to restore recycling will not only lose my vote, but will also be actively blasted on on all social media platforms available to me to ensure I convince as many others as possible to vote the right people into office.

Chesapeake - bring back recycling for the greater good of the area and environment as a whole.

As a single homeowner everything is going up taxes, food, gas. Now you want to nickle and dime me. Something has to give.

We need this for our children and grandchildren!! I already pay a lot of tax but 5\$ a month is reasonable.

Sad case that recycling is not working for Chesapeake - USA needs recycling to keep our environment clean for the future generation.

As much as we pay in taxes and our taxes go up every year because of our assessments. It shouldn't cost us anything for recycling.

Chesapeake I already pay for waste management.. recycling was included so why should we be charged extra?

Why we are paying tax? If they won't give anything back.

I typically recycle at city view park and over by central library. The cardboard containers are frequently full after the weekends at both locations. If reinstated which i think is beneficial, more marketing on what can and can't be recycled for the public.

We are able to easily utilize the City Park recycling containers but we have noticed most of our neighbors just put it in the trash now. In the past we had also noticed many items sticking out of the recycle bins that were NOT recyclable (pizza boxes, plastic grocery bags, etc.) We were not surprised when the curbside program was halted.

Please bring back recycling

I would be willing to pay for curbside recycling but others won't so they mix it in with their garbage.

May if the cost was very reasonable they would get on board but most who use private companies pay from \$10-\$20 per month.

I thought the reason curbside recycling stopped was much of the recycled material was going to the landfill anyway A huge waste of city money

I think that Hampton Roads should start a recycling plant, it creates jobs, and makes Hampton Roads' environmentally responsible, metal can be sold to local companies that buy metal already. As far as plastic goes we should be limiting the waste plastics like the ones that end up in the trash after 1 use and should be using containers that last rather than are easier to dispose of or that are compostable. I know that's a big want but the country has gone crazy with the waste it creates to make life easier. I try doing all I can to eliminate waste going out of our home, and cardboard in the garden to control weeds, it saves some on the cost of mulch and shredded paper into the compost if they compost. Separate containers for plastic and metal pick-up would make it easier to recycle.

Why should I pay as much for trash pick-up as a larger family? The census was taken not that long ago so you know who should pay more for trash pick-up, we are seniors only 2 of us, and do all we can to save on waste, our can doesn't need to go out every week.

People need to be informed about how to be more responsible with waste.

I assume that the City took into account the increased costs of not recycling and having the recyclable materials added to the normal trash stream? Increased tipping fees, fewer homes served with each truck load means more trips to cover the route. Overtime paid to drivers to handle the added volume and trips? I'm sure there are other costs I haven't come up with in the two minutes of thought I've given to this response. None of this happens for free.

Chesapeake, I am appalled that you chose to discontinue the curbside recycling, but at the same time, raised our property taxes by inflating our

home values. Recycling should not be considered a “bonus” “extra” or benefit. It is a necessity. BRING BACK RECYCLING!!!

Considering the taxes that citizens pay plus the taxes that will be collected from all of the business that will occupy all of the office space the city approved to be built in addition to current business taxes, I think recycling service can be paid for easily by the city or with a very minimal fee from citizens. The service will highly increase recycling efforts as most people are willing or able to put recycling materials in their vehicles to transport to one of the few stations offered right now

Please bring back the curbside recycling. More people would recycle items again.

I think it is very important to recycle as many materials as possible. I am not willing to pay a fee because our taxes are high enough and it's a service the city needs to provide

Please bring back curbside recycling that truly works, meaning that the materials actually get recycled rather than than thrown in a landfill.

I think there needs to be a fee so that those who want to recycle will follow recycling guidelines hopefully. Education on how to recycle properly would help as well.

Piss poor leadership in the city of Chesapeake.

When you took away recycling we did not have a reduction in fees but we took a huge hit in services. Trash services were horrible for months and we are just getting back to normal.

Thank you for considering bringing back the recycling program in Chesapeake.

We just moved from to Chesapeake from Virginia Beach about a month ago. We currently have a lot of cardboard due to unpacking and simply don't have time to bring it all to a recycling site. The bulk pickup for these flattened cardboard boxes in Chesapeake is hit or miss at best. Because we don't have a separate blue trash receptacle, we have one brown receptacle for all our trash and potentially recyclable materials. Our trash volume has doubled because of the volume of recyclable materials going into the garbage. We would be in favor of paying a small monthly fee to take care of curbside recycling.

Glass should be included in recycled items accepted

Please reinstate curbside recycling. It is a better "look" for our city and aligns with what we try to teach our children.

Even with a fee or reduced pick-up schedule it would be a great "re-addition" to Chesapeake.

It is a waste of gas to drive to a drop off site only to find that the bins are full. Curbside side recycling saves the taxpayers the time, trouble, and gas money of driving around town to drop off their recyclables. Plus there are no bins for glass so all of that material just ends up in the landfill now. Also my husband and I are both disabled and the bins are not handicap accessible.

Good question to ask is how much recycling in the city has dropped. It's clear recycling "compliance" at collections sites is good, but that is b/c

people dropping off have a passion for playing their role in sustainability. I will bet volume of recycling in the city has dropped 70+% or more. All my neighbors now use the recycling cans for trash pick up every week. Sad to see so much plastic etc going into landfills.

I really hope the council will vote to resume recycling.

We always filled our recycling bins, and we had twice as much recycling as trash. Sadly we currently do not use the drop-off locations. We want the home service back and would pay \$10 a month.

Please! reinstate our curbside recycling pick up! I was never informed that we had a city drop off recycling things. I take mines at food lions but they are always super full.

Recycling is not a want, It's a need! It is our responsibility to try and take care of the earth as best we can! Our tax dollars are being spent on things that are not as important! "

Please do not bring back curbside recycling until a viable option exists. Too much of the recycling ended up in the landfill anyway. The only thing the program did was make people feel good. It was a very poor way to truly recycle.

Recycling is a simple, but necessary action that we all must take in order to protect our only planet and the sensitive environments. Especially living on the coast, so close to the ocean, we must do all that we can to prevent any excess harm to the ocean.

We really miss the recycling offered by the city and hope it returns.

The only recycling we do now is cardboard. We use the drop off site for that. Otherwise all plastic, glass, paper, goes in the trash.

In this current battle of climate change and the need to find ways to reduce, reuse, and recycle I find it appalling that the Hampton Roads city with the highest property tax has cut recycling! I understand that the recycling program has been inefficient and therefore costly. Perhaps a concentrated, targeted education campaign to inform citizens of what is appropriate to be recycled would increase efficiency and reduce the costs. Dropping the program altogether seems to have had an opposite effect in our neighborhood. Now on trash days a great many people have their regular can and recycle can out for pick up. How does that allow the city to save money, reduce the workload and pay the employees more?

EDUCATION IS THE KEY! PLEASE don't let us be just another statistic as a city more concerned with cost and profit over what needs to be done for our world!

The city needs glass collection sites. Glass is easily recycled. With the current tax rate per household there should be zero excuse for the lack of recycling services in Chesapeake. As this city spends money to build more infrastructure for businesses and housing they can allocate their budget for city services such as trash, recycling, and street cleaning.

When recycling was offered by the city, we recycled more than we put in the trash. I know many people were upset when it ended. I think we pay enough in taxes to have this service included. I realize there were issues with the previous recycling service but I think it would benefit the citizens of Chesapeake if new alternatives were investigated. Everytime I throw away stuff I used to recycle it upsets me.

There are countries that recycle almost every bit of trash. If that were the case, then I'd be willing to pay more for recycling. I think we should take a stand against plastics. Our community should encourage companies to have us bring in our old container to have it refilled with clothes detergents, hand soaps, vegetable oil, etc.

I think we pay enough waste management fees to cover curbside recycling. We can hardly afford groceries so I won't be paying for recycling as important as I think it is. I have to keep a roof over our head and feed us first!

Cost of saving trash via recycling should be payment enough!

We are killing our planet (and ourselves). No barrier to recycling is too great. We were recently in NYC. They have active recycling everywhere. If NYC can do it, Chesapeake can do it.

We need recycling if not for the betterment of the planet but who like looking and smelling the giant mountain of trash off hwy 17. If we don't recycle we will see more of these trash mounds and more quicker than if the recycling was removed from those mounds. If someone can't afford it then programs can be put in place to help those struggling financially.

Chesapeake I think recycling should be free, most people don't care for recycling to begin with

A bigger effort needs to be made to educate and inform citizens as to what and how to recycle, especially after a year of using the blue bins for trash. I had to be diligently pro-active in keeping up to date on what items were allowed in the bins whenever changes/clarifications were made. Most

people aren't going to make the effort to educate themselves so clearly written, easy to understand information needs to be provided to every household on a regular basis in order to keep trash out of the blue bins and establish the most effective recycling program.

I don't drive so I'm unable to utilize the drop off sites. I wouldn't mind paying for a private service but people I've talked to have had problems with the current companies.

If the program will not pay for itself through reduced landfill cost and sale of recycled materials it should not be done. Subsidies to meet a green feel good project have no place in our fiscal budget.

There should be a way to recycle glass. Putting glass, especially broken glass (fluorescent bulbs, window glass, broken bottles) in a landfill is a terrible choice.

We stopped recycling when the City stopped providing curbside services and are still disgusted by this environmentally-irresponsible decision. Paying a private company for what our taxes are supposed to cover is not a viable answer nor is placing the onus on the residents to deliver their recyclables to bins at outside locations. Further, those councilmembers who ran their campaigns in support of reinstating curbside recycling services need to step up and get it done. Final note: there was no corresponding adjustment in property taxes to reflect the elimination of curbside recycling services. To the contrary, property taxes rose substantially since then. There's something very ethically & environmentally wrong with entire this scenario.

I'm a senior citizen. I tried to save items to take to the recycling center, but I don't have the space to store them. Too difficult for me to get the items out

of the blue recycle bins to drive to the recycling center.

Please bring back curbside recycling immediately. The decision to get rid of it was extremely irresponsible, unnecessary and inconvenient for the citizens of Chesapeake.

I would consider paying more per month if glass were included. Currently I have to haul glass out of town, which is a huge hassle. The drop off site I use is okay, I have only had one experience when the bin was quite full, but people seem not to be using it properly (items are in plastic trash bags, pizza boxes, etc.) and I fear that the items don't even get recycled after all. Curbside recycling this day and age is a basic service that the city should provide to taxpayers free of charge. I would be willing to pay something because I care, but most people would not prioritize this, so the service really needs to be free in my opinion. Thank you Lacy :)

Let the people who want to recycle pay for the service, subsidizing a private company (TFC) for an unsustainable business model at the taxpayers' expense is not right. If recycling is important to enough residents the City should contract with a company for a subscription-based plan, if that is not economically feasible then the burden should not be imposed on those who do not wish to participate and pay yet another fee.

My street has never had recycling services to my knowledge. I dump my recycling at an office building. I would really like ALL Chesapeake residents to have an opportunity to recycle.

There should be no extra fee to replace the former service for which we were not required to pay an extra fee. Charging an extra fee is just another tax that will NEVER go away. Chesapeake collects enough taxes already. If this service cannot be provided without assessing citizens an additional fee, then the program would be just one more example of government that

is unable to efficiently run itself by cutting "nice to have" things elsewhere to provide this service for all citizens.

I was paying for a service through local taxes and fees. Without even getting a chance to select an alternative option this service was canceled and I did not receive a refund.

This is wrong. I have never heard of a city REDUCE the level of service provided and continue to charge the same amount of money it collects from taxpayers. I'm not putting trash inside my passenger vehicle to chauffeur it to a center in horrible traffic. This is putting taxpayers last. I'm sure other freebie giveaway programs weren't sacrificed to bridge the budget. Those who work and pay taxes get screwed.

I don't recycle because I don't have a vehicle to haul the recyclables to a drop off location. The barrier to entry is too high and unreachable for me and my family. I'm willing to pay a nominal fee similar to drain water - heck, roll it into that fee, to support recycling.

Chesapeake needs recycling. I live on a street with 13 houses and I am the only home that recycles. Weekly, recyclable items are put in blue bins by everyone else in the neighborhood and left out for trash pickup on trash day. There has never been a contract recycling company on our street; the bins are picked up along with the brown trash bins by the City's contracted trash hauler on our trash pickup day. Larger items, such as carborad boxes, are burned.

Curbside recycling needs to return. We are killing our environment over the Council's a fear of a small fee for recycling service."

The trash trucks have been seen at the drop off sites mixing everything

together like trash. I used to work in the recycling center at Oceana. This is not effective and makes the product unusable. I recycle now by reusing at home as best I can.

While I would pay \$5 a month, I think recycling services should be free pick up.

We consume a lot and what better way to better our city

Please bring back curbside recycling. Chesapeake took a huge step backyard when it was discontinued. If we want to be future thinkers and planners, we need to step back into this century.

I would love to have a program that recycles glass

I'm disappointed that the drop off site does not take glass. When curbside was offered I think 15 to 20 percent our recyclables were glass jars and bottles. These now go in the trash.

I am really ad that you did away with curbside service. If we have to pay for it, I would be willing to pay as I feel it is very impis very important to recycle.

Regarding my answer to question 8, I'm willing to pay \$6-10 or \$11-15 per month as long as the program accepts ALL plastics (1-7) and glass in addition to all other materials.

There should be a quality program of recycling. A program that does not provide the best benefits for the community and the environment is not what we need.

Accessibility for my neighborhood is excellent because the recycle pickup containers are within 1/4 mile at the library on Taylor Rd.

We were disappointed enough at City Council's decision to end curbside recycling that we kept a list of the

Council members that voted against curbside recycling determined not to vote for them in the future. I believe all but one of them chose not to run for re-election. We're not normally a "one issue" household but on this issue we decided it was important enough not to take into account their voting records on other issues. That said until 4/1 we have continued curbside recycling by utilizing a private company (Happy Planet) who have been great - they took any plastic 1-7, all paper and cardboard. We are now forced to use the drop off site at City Park since Happy Planet has had to discontinue their service - what a shame, soooo much better than the old TFC recycling with their restrictions/limitations. If there is any feasible way to reinstitute affordable curbside recycling I expect most Chesapeake residents would be very appreciative.

As a senior citizen, using the drop off sites is a challenge, and I expect most of us "of a certain age" will just stop recycling rather than struggle to "do our part." It's important to us, something we have done for decades and we don't want our household plastics, paper and card board going to the landfills if at all possible. We will be actively following Council's deliberations and decisions regarding recycling.

We know there are many fiscal challenges facing our City but curbside recycling should certainly top a number of "beautification" projects that have been funded in the past.

Thank you for canvassing interest in restoring this important service. I was

shocked that the City of Chesapeake discontinued curbside pickup especially with our current environmental concerns. Current drop off sites accept limited recyclable materials, e.g. no glass, only plastics #1 . It is hard to throw away glass when it is very recyclable. I do my best to drop off materials when I can because I try to be environmentally conscious but it is not convenient with my schedule and there are times when the bins are overfilled. All of my neighbors, retirees and working families, participated with recycling when it was curbside, but I know I am one of a handful now who actually uses the drop-off site. Thankfully the drop-off site is nearby, otherwise if it were any further, I would likely not recycle because of inconvenience, time and gas.

We started recycling at the Deep Creek location. It was inconvenient and hard to find initially. After a few times we stopped. We participated fully when we had pick up.

BRING CURBSIDE RECYCLING BACK!!! It such a pain in the butt to have to take it up to park twice a week!!! HUGE inconvenience!!!!

Let's bring back recycling and keep the public informed what should and should not be recycled.

Our real estate taxes went up due to increased property assessments but now we do not have curbside recycling so we are paying more and getting less city services. On our next city election, I'm voting for pro curbside recycling city council members.

We were happy with the recycling program Chesapeake had in place and would like to see it reinstated. We would be glad to pay a monthly fee of \$16 to \$20 for the service.

Taking recyclables to drop-off centers is extremely inconvenient for older residents like myself.

It's useless. I used to work for TFC. People treated each can like another city trash can. Yes some people followed the rules but not the majority. It was a good ride for tax write offs but it's had its run.

I have a problem getting around and curbside recycling would be much better. I was curbside recycling before it was stopped. I cannot get to the the recycling stop. I really want to recycle.

We were upset about not being able to recycle glass, but we said it was worth it because you were taking more plastics. TThen two months ago the signage at the drop off said that we could no longer recycle plastics above 2. If you took more recycling, we might be willing to pay more.

This is a basic service that should be provided by any respectable city government.

I am willing to pay the same amount we paid before. We were never given a refund for what we paid and they never picked up. I really think it's a sin that our city is willing to let recycling go to our landfill's. Its very embarrassing.

I have (2) blue cans that I filled up every other week! I now take my recycling to work and use their dumpster. PLEASE Bring it back!

For the current level of service, I am not willing to pay a fee. If more materials were accepted, I would pay a nominal fee. You currently don't take glass or any plastics above "2", that is not acceptable and leaves a lot of potentially recyclable materials headed to our landfills.

Please bring back curbside recycling. It is shameful that Chesapeake is the one city in Hampton Roads that doesn't provide curbside recycling. It shows a lack of pride in our city that we don't care for it by reducing the waste in our landfills and it shows incompetence on the part of leadership that you have been unable to find a solution when every surrounding city has done so. I voted against all the leaders up for reelection who voted against curbside recycling and will continue to do so if this is not fixed promptly.

Curbside recycling was greatly appreciated because I have elder grandparents and they can not take their recycling to the drop offs easily due to their limited mobility, when we had curbside recycling it saved me alot of time recycling my recyclables and my grandparents recyclables easily. Now we have a huge buildup of recyclables that we have to take off once a month but due to my business schedule it is time restraining and we have an overload of recyclables now and it's getting to the point where we don't recycle as often. I want to save the earth and produce as little impact I can on the earth but with our cities limited recycling opportunities I feel me and all the other chesapeake residents are recycling less and less due to the hassle of having to haul off our own recyclables.

No comment

We have a lot of boxes that we need to get rid of on the regular. This takes up a ton of our can and sometimes don't have enough space for regular garbage by the time trash day comes. PLEASE BRING BACK RECYCLING!!!

I was taking my recycling to the drop off locations but stopped because they are always full. So it has deterred me from even trying.

The City can make money off of the recycling materials. The City could also create a few more full time jobs.

More families will return to continue recycling.

Elderly families cannot be running to distant drop off sites.

Many citizens have no way to to recycle with out the City's recycling service. Many families do not have transportation to these drop off sites or can afford a private service.

This is a service the City should be providing the citizens.

We already pay for trash pickup and street sweeping through our city taxes. Recycling is just a cleaner way to collect presorted trash (recyclables) since it is already being picked up with trash anyway. Seems a shame that a city wouldn't recycle when fees remain the same and we are responsibly sorting for the city ahead of trash pickup day. What is that teaching our children? That their sorting recycling efforts at home can't be matched in the work of adults in our community?

I understand that recycling is less earth-friendly than many Americans assume it to be. However, the looming consequences of climate change make ignoring efforts, such as recycling, neglectful. Every little bit of effort in caring for our planet is prudent.

I've already committed to paying a fee to a private company for two years. I'm so disappointed in the City of Chesapeake for discontinuing recycling. I just finished teaching a unit to my second grade students about the importance of reducing, reusing, and recycling and my Chesapeake students were quick to say they stopped recycling and wanted to know

why. Painful and embarrassing. Please consider limiting building on every bit of land that exists and put some money and energy into what we have so that we continue to have it.

I have recycled for years! Before the city provided coverage, I recycled. Since the city stopped providing this service, I have recycled. However, it is so convenient to have curbside pick up and I would encourage our City to resume this service ASAP!!

The library recycling location is fairly easy for me to use. The pick-ups are regular and I am pleased that the bins are kept tidy by most folks using them. There is usually enough room for the recyclables I am dropping off. I wish that glass could be recycled again.

Chesapeake we are a populated metropolitan city and it is just ridiculous that we do not have curbside recycling. Waste management is a foundational city management necessity where recycling MUST be utilized not only for environmental responsibility, but for practical landfill and other city resource management. Environmental friendly waste management should be improving, not disappearing!

With the rising property values and the taxes collected on our property, currently, I would think the City would have enough funding to reinstitute a recycling program. I believe it would be a nice marketing tool, too, for people looking to move or move their business to our area to see that we have a recycling program where it's city funded and collected from our homes.

Discontinuing the recycling service was a BAD decision. We are the only city in Hampton Roads without this service. What a disservice has been done to the citizens. What kind of example are they setting for our children , the future of tomorrow about taking care of the earth. How much saving was done that was applied to other areas of the budget? The citizens of

ChesapeakeChesapeake do NOT see any POSITIVE effect / benefits from this ""SAVING"" !!

Bring it back !!!

Bring it back

Knowing that we pay almost 3 times more than other cities in Tidewater for the same service, it sounds like we need a better negotiator to bring recycling.

We are recycling so much less. It's just too inconvenient to separate at home and then take to the drop off sites. Not accepting glass is a big deal for us. That would be a big amount for us.

We hope they bring it back.

Please bring back curbside pickup.

TFC can barely pickup the other cities you guys are really stupid trying to give them back the contract will be the same as before if not worst BEHIND EVERY WEEK

Not sure if the city drop off site is the same as the one for bulk materials such as brick and wood. If so, if never used the site as a couple employees made me aware that the tires of my vehicle would be damaged. I that this should be addressed as the City of Virginia Beach have dumping grounds where residents are not concerned about having to replace expensive to replace expensive tires resulting them being damaged from driving on the City's property to dump bulk trash that the City will not pickup. I feel that the

City should either clear their grounds from objects that will damage tires or found another location for Chesapeake residents.

The city should budget and pick up the tab for this important and most essential service. It's a shame to live in a city this large which does not provide curbside recycling. I am unable to store or transport recyclable materials to the drop-off site. I live in an older neighborhood with a majority of retirees and having to pay extra for curbside service is not feasible, yet when we had curbside pick up, everyone recycled consistently. Please bring back curbside service. I am seriously considered moving to a city or town that provides this because recycling is very important to me, and I have lived all over the country my entire life having curbside service.

I donate my aluminum cans to the trailer on S Military Highway for an animal shelter

I dislike having to fit my recycling in the small bags and would personally curbside pickup.

Every time I've tried to drop off recycling, the containers are stuffed

Why do I have to pay for recycling? why should I be responsible for paying for recycling Service. Chesapeake is supposed to be given the community free recycling. We already dealing with food inflation, gas inflation, Landlords rising Rent, 🙄

Recycling is an important part on making sure we take care of our environment. I'm willing to put aside extra time, effort, money to make sure that we can recycle.

The Earth needs us to recycle. It's not just about us, it's about preserving

the environment for future generations. We owe it to them to recycle. We would be willing to pay a monthly fee as long as they take plastics 1-7 like Recyclops does. TFC would only take plastic bottles. By recycling my family only produces 1 bag of trash per week, and it's not always a full bag. We also compost for the garden which reduces our trash even further.

I'm not sure why the recycling was stopped in the first place, but Chesapeake needs to bring recycling back.

I visited a drop off site one time and I have not recycled since. It was a awful The instructions were not being followed as to what should be placed in each container. Cardboard boxes were not broken down so that container was overrun and trash was all over the ground. PLEASE BRING BACK CURBSIDE RECYCLING. Thank you

Chesapeake tried to correct the salary compression issues plaguing the police, fire, sheriffs department etc through curbside recycling fees. And when the citizens balked at the increase in cost, the city said they would terminate curbside service. But the city raves about being financially in the black by millions , however blames citizens for the end of curbside recycling. It's well known by many that a handful of city council members have a personal dislike for TFC recycling, so this move to end the service in Chesapeake was more driven by the select few in city council, as opposed to the vast majority of citizens in Chesapeake. City officials are to lawfully serve the people of their district, and not their personal agendas. Stop blaming citizens for the loss of curbside recycling and stop approving new residential developments when Chesapeake schools are over capacity and the infrastructure does not support such expansion. Stop trying to be Virginia Beach and focus on being a representative for Chesapeake and it's heritage.

Yes, please reinstate curbside recycling! Make our city green again!

City of Chesapeake annual budget is \$1.1 Billion, negotiate with TFC Recycling again, compare the contracts with TFC for Norfolk & Portsmouth ! Goal #2 Keep tons of recyclables out of the landfills. My Real Estate taxes went up 15%. Cut other departments' budgets' to make up for a recycling contract.

You guys have more than enough of our tax dollars without gouging us for more. If you recall when HAD this service BEFORE you jacked our taxes through the roof.

Real Estate taxes have gone up over \$1000 a year. Reinstate recycling and use the money we're already paying you for it.

Quit stealing from your own citizens!!!"

It is important to keep materials out of the landfill.

prefer not to pay a fee but willing to pay up to \$10.00/month

If recycling was previously included in the price we paid, I don't believe we should be charged for the service to return. In addition, we do not use an outside service because it's an added expense to our family who already operates on solely one income. We currently do not recycle because with two small children and our busy schedules, we don't have the time to drive to a drop off location and offload everything. We have also been told by neighbors that a regular trash truck takes the recyclables and the don't actually get picked up by a recycling truck.

As a family with young children, it's tough to recycle on our own. This would be a huge help! "

Not sure why we have to pay more for recycling when nearby cities of Virginia Beach, Norfolk, and

I currently take my recycling to my office in Norfolk and put it in our recycle bin.

If you're not going to return curbside recycling, you need to ban the sale of ALL single-use plastics in the City over the course of the next 5 years.

Please bring the recycling program back in a fiscally and ecologically responsible manner if possible.

Recycling is very important.

There are some very wasteful Americans and more needs to be done to recycle. Our environment will suffer in the long run and our children, we are supposed to leave our city in better shape than this.

The decision to stop was talked about for six or seven years as I heard it from the Deputy City Manager on numerous occasions before I retired. Yet it was not done until the current City Manager was hired. And in addition, I am not pleased with the current City Manager's decision to lower the population at the Detention Center to 25 children from 100. I know it serves kids from other cities and the reason has to do with paying liability from injuries staff receive from another city/county. Do we not all live in Virginia and the USA? How neighborly are we becoming? It seems the leadership believes we are not growing, rather we are lessening resources

to serve our children, many continue to be troubled and yet there are not enough foster homes or citizens coming forward to serve them. Recently a teen had to be housed in a motel for the weekend with staff with the child around the clock. Glen Youngkin was supposed to have a committee looking at this across the state. What has been done about real issues and not just the political ones? What about serving all residents and meeting the needs to protect our environment and recycle rather than use the landfill.

Chesapeake was never this bad. I am dissatisfied with the leadership of Chesapeake City Council, more than I have ever been.

For my family and I, a pickup service was very convenient. We used to drop off our recycling at a drop-off site near our old home. Moving into Chesapeake and realizing that the recycling was pickup up for us and it incentivized us to recycle even more. Now that there is no pickup service I find that my family is not as willing to recycle things as I believe should be. I can imagine it is this way with many other families who might have stopped recycling together due to this fact. I hope that it is reinstated for that sole fact. Thank you.

The recycle program worked well for me. I'm on a fixed income so I'm unable to pay for service.

Curbside recycling needs to be resumed. There is no possible way residents are recycling as much now as they were when curbside was available.

I want a service that takes 90% of the different types of plastics, glass, paper & cardboard. Since food stained or other stains on paper and cardboard are nonrecyclable items they get thrown out.

Our taxes should cover this service.

In our household, we both work full time and with children, it is too difficult and time consuming to travel to a recycling center. We want to do our part to recycle but without the bin we have nowhere to store it and have struggled to keep up with recycling since the convenience of the program was taken away.

Recycling is "the right thing to do" and it's a shame that so much is now going to our landfills. Our "garbage" has more than doubled since the end of recycling. I would be willing to pay for curbside pickup.

Please bring back recycling!!"

It is an absolute shame that the city discontinued recycling. I understand that the city might need to charge residents for this service and I am willing to pay. Without city wide service so many people are not recycling. If the city values its land it will re-instate the recycling program.

Would love to see this issue revisited. Recycling is an easy thing most people can do to make a difference. It should be a give in for a great city our size.

Hello City of Chesapeake, I cannot over emphasize how important I think this matter is. I have I always felt so proud of our city would do curbside recycling and yet when it was taken away I felt like we took a step back as far as being proactive in securing the natural resources we have here in Chesapeake. Furthermore, many of my friends have expressed that they simply do not recycle because it is inconvenient to have to drive their materials to an offsite location. Lastly, I would like to offer the following

solution that might help a few people to recycle more and also help with the expediency of city garbage collection. My idea is for the city of Chesapeake to consider giving a reduction of fee for garbage pick up if the citizens of Chesapeake do not put out their garbage can but instead put out their recycling can every other week—I think more people would recycle. In other words, if my family does not need to put out our garbage can as often because they choose to recycle, the garbage collectors would not even have to stop at our home. And thus the collectors can do their routes a little bit faster! Then the residents would receive a garbage pickup fee reduction if they did not have to have garbage picked up for that week and no overtime would need to be paid. I think it is win win situation. If you have any further questions you can email me at yesmartinburke@gmail.com. Thank you very much for your time and leadership!!!

It's really disappointing that the City does not provide curbside recycling to the residents of Chesapeake. I know many people that no longer recycle because they must take it to the drop-off locations. Going to the drop-off location is inconvenient for us, but we do it because it is the right thing to do for our environment and planet. I encourage you to reinstate curbside recycling for Chesapeake residents.

We see others who just decided to toss everything in the regular trash can. I'm sure some of that could be recycled to product ingredients or fuel.

Some bioengineering students could find ways of improving the waste stream while offsetting our use on petroleum products or plastic products. A worthwhile breakthrough would be wonderful for their school or university.

Please, bring back recycling.

Chesapeake should compost too.

It is very inconvenient to bring my recycling to a drop off site. At times the containers are full and overflowing. Please bring back curbside recycling.

I think that the curb-side recycling system was good for its time. Now that people have to personally separate their recyclables, they are paying more attention. The system before had people abusing it by combining non-recyclable materials with recyclable materials. Resulting in the recycling center having to do more work. So if the city does bring the recycling system back, it should only be for those willing to pay for it instead of a blanket setup for everyone. At least for me, I've found that I have very less to recycle now that I take it to a drop-off site (once a month) and less for regular trash pickup (twice a month).

I voted the last election for council members to bring this back. If it does not happen I will be voting against every member who does not make this happen.

I feel the amount of taxes we pay in Chesapeake should cover the cost of the program.

Thank you

I have been embarrassed to live in a city that has not continued with recycling. pick up. As I drive through my community I see the blue cans filled with items that could be recycled going into the trash... It is a disgrace

I have use the city recycling... But many times the bins have been filled or locked And sometimes it is hard for me to reach into the bins to put the recycling in.

Please reinstate that the pick up recycling it's best for our city, state, country and world!"

Chesapeake-We need recycling. Our family has more to recycle than we do actual trash.

Dear City Council, There are several reasons to reinstate curbside recycling: 1) It is an investment in the future. Recycling helps conserve resources and energy, which leaves more for our decedents. That's something worth a cost now. 2) There is a cost avoided. Recycling means less waste in landfills, which means the landfills fill up slower and we delay a fight over the next landfill location, as well as the expense of creating the new landfill. That's significant. 3) Does the City only exist to enrich developers looking to site the next subdivision? Let's INVEST in life in Chesapeake, and one of those investments is recycling. At this point, it's an expected amenity in a city, so make the city more attractive and more green with recycling.

If you need to spend more money to recycle, consider instituting a fee based on the amount of trash generated. That provides a financial incentive to recycle.

Take the fee out of real estate taxes.

It's frankly ridiculous in this day and age to not have city wide recycling. As an opt-in paid city service at the very least

I would happily pay a fee for curbside recycling. Anyone who wishes to participate should be given a handout to show items that can be recycled- I have witnessed at the drop-off sites many items in the containers that are

not recyclable, and I fear that these will negatively impact our recycling efforts.

lets recycle!

It is irresponsible to the community and the planet to not offer curb-side recycling, regardless of price. It is 2023, how is Chesapeake 20 years behind every other city on this?!?!? Stupid and careless to have ever taken it away. Our leaders should be ashamed of themselves.

Although curbside recycling is convenient, it appeared there was a lot of trash/non-recyclable material in the blue bins. This affects the overall recycling rate as it can force loads of recycling to be discarded as trash. I see less of this at the drop-off site. I assume because when people make such an effort they are more likely to pay comply with the rules/restrictions. A fee for curbside may have the same effect.

I believe education is essential to obtaining the desired outcome. Better examples of what is acceptable are required. A series of pictures on brochures and websites with the most common offenders would go a long way to overcome the confusion especially with plastics. You cannot have too much information if it is well organized.

Chesapeake took a BIG step backwards when deciding to remove recycling services. I feel alternatives should have been further researched & collaboration with residents been more in-depth before deciding to completely cut the cord. In a world where everyone is prioritizing “green” systems and thinking, why would our city leaders choose to ditch something so important?! Please please bring back recycling to our homes in Chesapeake!!

Would like the curbside recycling brought back immediately!

The city needs to take more responsibility for a pickup recycling program to embetter our environment. I know many people that would not be opposed to paying a SMALL monthly fee to make this happen, however, most people do not want to be bothered with a program where they have to transport recyclables.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this program. It is much appreciated!

Recycling is, in my opinion, a basic city service that should never have been discontinued. Having said that, I am willing to pay a reasonable fee to have the service reinstated. I feel very strongly that it is up to all of us to be good stewards of the environment and recycling is a part of that. I have paid for a private service since the city stopped collecting recycling, but it is infrequent and has been unreliable at times. I much prefer the convenience of putting everything into the large blue can and putting it out with my regular trash pickup each week. Again - I am willing to pay a fee for that convenience.

I stopped recycling when you stopped picking it up. I am hoping your trash collection and dumping costs have skyrocketed since most people stopped recycling. We pay a lot of money in services and fees and taxes to Chesapeake, no excuse for you to stop offer the recycling service. AND NO talking about climate change and how we all have to help save the planet when you take away one of those efforts.

I only use the drop off site for cardboard. I take my can to the Humane Society. I hate throwing away things that I normally would recycle. My recycle can was always fuller than my trash can. I will be willing to pay a small fee to bring it back, however, in this day and time I think it's terrible that the city doesn't consider recycling a priority. I'm working, bbabysitting

and volunteering - taking the time to drive to a recycle bin just is too time consuming for me right now.

Curbside recycling is either a priority of city council or not. I believe it should be a priority. I am not willing to pay for a service (that was and should be included in current taxes) our city leaders do not see as a priority. I'm interested in promoting candidates that do see curbside recycling as a priority.

I would HAPPILY pay for curbside recycling. I've been meaning to look into a service that comes to my home weekly to pick it up, but haven't. It's disturbing that y'all would rather save a few bucks and add to the landfill...

Please bring back curbside recycling. I'm not sure who you polled before cancelling, but I wasn't part of that, so I assume MANY PEOPLE, like me, would happily pay for it!!!

Recycling program should include glass.

Although willing to pay a small fee, I'm not in favor of the city charging a fee.

The city should research and consider initiating processes for reusing recyclable materials in which case I would be more willing to pay a fee

PLEASE bring back RECYCLING to the city of Chesapeake, VA. It is really needed for the future of our city.

Living in Great Bridge, the recycle spot at Central Library is actually pretty convenient for me. The lack of glass recycling is what really makes it a poor solution though. I would rather pay a monthly fee for curbside again.

Chesapeake removing recycling as an option set us back as a community by 40 years +. It's embarrassing to live in a city the size of Chesapeake that doesn't have curbside recycling.

We support curbside recycling ONLY IF you find a way to ensure that a significant amount of the material does NOT go to the landfill due to contamination, lack of available buyers, or other reasons. We do not want to waste our time, and tax money PRETENDING to recycle.

Think recycle (for whatever fee) should be part of tax base. Simple and easy.

If we paid a fee before I was not aware of it. I assumed it was taken out of the bills we already had that were for the city. Growing up it took a while to get trained to recycle. But, then everyone did it. When the city decided to do away with it, we & our kids couldn't understand it because now nobody was going to help fight pollution & Mother Nature was going to pay!

We need to set a good example for our children!

I don't want to pay that much, but I would if it was offered and my only choice. I have no desire to find a way to transport my recyclables to random locations. I was absolutely unimpressed that it was taken away from us. This city makes ridiculous decisions sometimes. Hoping you start doing better.

Would like curbside to be free, but I'm willing to pay \$5 a month.

I hope that Chesapeake will find a way to bring back curbside recycling. It's

rather embarrassing to tell people that the city we live in, in this day and age, actually suspended their curbside recycling.

Let's be forward thinking folks! Please bring back recycling!

Our family tends to have more recyclables than regular garbage. However, I do not have time or money to do the job for the City's job nor do I intend to pay for this service. Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback.

I would like to see more plastic (numbers 3-7) , glass and styrofoam recycled.

When I was younger and worked as a laborer in construction, I would take debris to the landfill.

At first you went downhill into a deep hole but it didn't take long before you were going uphill.

This is just the tip of the iceberg. As our city leaders, I believe you have to have the foresight to see the problem and fix it. There is a cost beyond dollars here. I will be paying attention to your votes in this regard.

I utilize taking my aluminum cans to Chesapeake animal services for donations. Otherwise I do not recycle currently.

Chesapeake - last I checked things like aluminum and steel and glass are very recyclable and the raw material quite valuable. Not recycling them is one the most illogical decisions I have ever seen made. You all have encouraged me to vote.....

The city should never have taken the Recycling money and gave it to the Police....for goodness sakes we have a sheriffs department and regular police and state police.....how many do we need!!!!

I would recycle more if there was a drop off place by fern wood. I have been to the library three or four times.

Curbside recycling pickup was a great service that offered a mote convenient way to recycle. We miss the accessibility of the program, but still drop off recycling every week. My recommendation is to find an outlet to recycle glass. If the curbside recycling does come back, my recommendation is too provide more feedback anf guidance on contents that can be recycled. All of the items going into our landfill will create a negative environmental impact in years to come. Be proactive now.

Recycling is great. However, it only makes sense if there is a market for recycled materials. The city should not reinstate the recycling program until there is a long term, sustainable market for recycled materials. The city should not impose a tax burden on citizens to recycle materials.

Without a recycled material market, them most environmentally responsible action is to simply minimize waste and follow environmentally sound practices at the landfill, i.e. there is nothing wrong with a man made hill; it's a hill that leaches toxic chemicals into the ground or air that's a problem.

If we are concerned about the amount of waste generated and the subsequent environmental impact, we should have a recurring fee for a second trash container. Or since everyone now has a second container (the blue recycle container), charge a recurring fee for the third (second brown container). This fee can be used for continually improving, environmentally friendly practices at the landfill, etc.

PLEASE bring back curbside recycling, the drop off sites are a mess and we live in a location outside of the private service zones. We have to hoard recycling in our garage until we can bring it to the drop off site, and it's attracting bugs and rodents even though we rinse all the containers. Recycling is very important to our household.

It is sad that we are one of the few cities that do not offer this service at this time. This is a issue that will weigh very strongly when I cast my vote for city officials in upcoming elections.

Chesapeake needs to be more responsible for our environment and do the right thing even if it costs a little more. I seriously looked at moving to VB just because Chesapeake stopped curbside recycling, and many residents just gave up on recycling all together. I don't want to be surrounded by irresponsible neighbors

We need city recycling back, our tax dollars pay for this service and it helps

We were extremely disappointed when the recycling service was discontinued, knowing that many, if not most citizens would stop recycling if it wasn't convenient to do so. We are very pleased with our present drop off site. It's very convenient for us, but know many in our city don't have a convenient site to use. Please consider providing additional drop off sites, or reinstate the curbside service.

I'm not a financial manager, but I would think that if the city could properly manage its revenue we could afford to pay for this service. It's hard to fathom in this day and age with "climate change" dictating so much of our public policy that recycling would not be at the very top of any city's list of priorities. Either way, I'm willing to put in the effort to recycle if it ever becomes an option again.

Curbside recycling had been provided and was funded through RE taxes. There was supposed to be a reduction in the tax to offset the loss of the service.

It seems we have gone backwards in terms of being a part of the movement for a greener planet. We should be looking towards Singapore, Copenhagen, and LA towards fighting for recycling and a cleaner planet

If the recycling program is not profitable in part due to misuse by the public, perhaps an outreach program would be helpful (flyers, talks at local schools, etc.). In addition, limiting the types of recyclables to the most commonly generated items may be a good way to maximize benefits while minimizing costs.

I'd paid \$5 to \$10 a month for the old service.

It's ridiculous that we don't have this service. I lived in Japan for 10 years and they have it down. Everyone does it. Everyone gets a 20 page brochure on how to separate trash. We need to restart this important service.

You would think we live in a third world country or a very underserved, low socioeconomic area to not have curbside recycling.

BRING IT BACK! DO BETTER!

My family does not support adding recycling to the cities responsibilities.

I don't understand how great beautiful city of Chesapeake failed in this

recycle matter. Our city has been going down hill over the past couple years and recycling is just another example. Earn your citizens pride back. How many other city have figured it out? Portsmouth recycles, come on man. Start with recycling.

Was the material being recycled really being recycled? Or was most of it ending up in the trash landfills? There are many stories of the latter going around.

We pay enough taxes to provide this service.

We really miss being able to do our part to recycle.

Discontinuing a 50 year old policy was I'll advised and shortsighted. Recycling must be restored with no additional fees.

When it was announced that municipal recycling was being discontinued, I was dumbfounded!

The earth needs us to recycle more, not throw things in our trash bins! All our neighbors are now putting out both their brown and blue bins with ""trash"" in them. At least half of it used to be recycled. If the city doesn't care, they don't care.

I recognize that many people used to put things which were not deemed recyclable in their blue bins when they were supposed to be for recycle only. I blame that partly on the city not making a diligent enough effort to educate the public.

The city needs not only to resume municipal curbside recycling, but also initiate and repeat frequently educational materials that show citizens what

should be in the recycle bin as well as (on a separate flyer) things commonly put in the recycle that should not be there. (Any recycler the city interviews can tell them what they most frequently pull out of the recycle stream.)

Make us proud of Chesapeake again and do the right thing! If it is not in the budget, get rid of something else that is not critical to the earth and quality of life on it.

Chesapeake. We had to sign up with happy earth recycling because they are the only ones who come out this far. Inflation is bad enough right now and this past month, they increased their rates to \$100 dollars a month—their original price being \$15 dollars a month. We want to do our part for the earth and the environment, but even as a two income household we are struggling. Please, we implore you to reconsider collecting recycling for the environment and for your citizens who want to do the right thing, but may not be able to afford privatized collection rates. Thank you.

We do not want recycling to return.

please bring it back

Although I would rather not pay a fee, recycling is so important. I feel very wasteful throwing everything in one trash can. Please bring curbside recycling back.

Our city should promote responsible consumerism. We should also promote responsible recycling. The thought of “sorting recycling” should not be ruled out.

Eco-Conscious LOVE Sign and other art efforts should be employed to

help promote this effort. www.reneecalway.com

We need recycling back at no cost. We pay enough in taxes for this city. If we cannot afford to recycle then the budget needs addressing on where we are wasting millions of tax paying dollars.

Bring it back, should never have taken it away.

Its horrible you got rid of recycling. Please bring it back.

Having curbside recycling would be such a convenience again!

I chose the answer to not pay a few since all the city taxes have increased and nothing decreased when the recycle program disappeared. I am sure that if it was to come back that we all would get a bill increase.

I understand the recycling was not being sorted properly, resulting in inefficient recycling. It may be helpful if the city were to provide laminated sheets of things that are and are not allowed in the blue bins, perhaps it would be able to be stuck on the bin itself. I looked up on what recycling items were acceptable but it's ever changing and educating people on how to recycle right is better than not providing a recycling service at all.

With the money we currently pay in taxes, the service should be provided at no cost turn off all my alarms. The environment helps that City Chesapeake and it helps our grandchildren

I do not see a convenient way to recycle glass. The drop offs so No Glass

Our city should do our part to help earth and provide the resources to

recycle like we had done previously. This create jobs and is good for our environment.

It's a shame that our neighbors do not make the minor effort to take their recycling to the library. Other than us, we know of NO neighbors who take their recycling in. We are aware that some of them did not use curb-side recycling, but at least it was more than now. We are in favor of bringing it back.

Cardboard dumpster at recycle location is always full.

Need better education of what is recyclable. I fi d disappointing how many nonrecyclable items are in the dumpsters.

It is ridiculous that a city that prides itself on being a great place to raise a family cannot provide curbside pickup. We take our recyclables - because it is worth the extra effort for us - but many have stopped because they don't have the time, willingness, or a vehicle they're willing to use to carry recyclables. Initially I LOVED that it least it meant I could recycle #1-7 plastics - but that has stopped.

The City didn't previously give people a chance to be willing to pay. If equity is an issue, make it a sliding scale, based on the square footage of your home with a couple different levels.

Please bring back curbside recycling!

If curbside recycling is approved, I believe that more people would be recycling.

Chesapeake More recycling would happen if it went back to curbside pickup. More people would be willing to utilize it that way

We encourage you to find a reasonably priced way to reinstate curb side recycling.

I believe the city is paying more to dispose of our trash because the weight of the recyclables adds to the fees they pay to the landfills. I don't think most people are using alternative recycling services or taking them to a drop off.

Chesapeakes taxes should cover the cost. Reinstate recycling immediately

There shouldn't be a fee, the surplus that was generated this past year is ridiculous. I as a school employee benefited from that surplus but at the same time it is just stupid. Chesapeake is going backwards instead of forward and things are only going to get worse with all the new developments in the works. Whatever recycle program that is adopted should include glass because I can only imagine how much is now going to the landfill.

We are going backwards when we do not recycle.

Chesapeake bring curbside back! Your a first rate community acting like a narrow minded 3rd rate community

Studies show that most recycled materials eventually end up in a landfill anyway, maybe not in the states, but in other countires. Because of this I do not want to pay for this service.

Yes, absolutely reinstate curbside recycling and educate people on how to properly recycle and what can and can't be recycled.

I recycle more items than I do regular trash. When Chesapeake had the curbside recycle pickup, my bin was always out, ready for pickup. I made sure recycled materials were clean, and only put items allowed in the recycle bin. The closest drop-off site is out of the way from where I live. Luckily for me, the building I work in has a recycle pickup, which I've been using whenever possible. I would GREATLY appreciate it if Chesapeake restarted the curbside recycle pickup program, and took as many varieties of recyclable items as they can. I stated that I would prefer not to pay for pickup mainly because I feel I pay too much for regular trash pickup, which I hardly ever use. I put my regular trash bin out for pickup every 3-months. When I shop, I consciously purchase items I know can be recycled, which is why my trash bin hardly gets used. To have to pay for a recycling service in addition to my normal trash bill, would not be easy on me financially. If Chesapeake could come up with a way to bring back the curbside recycling, I'd use it, use it responsibly, and would truly appreciate it.

The program definitely needs to be reinstated. By having individual citizens driving to drop off their recycling, you are offsetting the whole purpose of recycling just from the fuel used to make the dropoff. And in some cases, likely causing more harm to the environment, than if no one recycled at all.

I would like to add, that contracting this duty to an outside company is not the right answer. I work for a local municipality (not Chesapeake), and can tell you from experience that contractors won't solve your problem. It's always more expensive in the long term. They pay their employees a similar rate and offer the same kind of benefits as city employees are afforded. The only difference is, they operate for a profit.

If you need trucks, buy them. If you need people, hire them. But don't think that the answer is a ""for"" profit company. You are simply kicking the can down the road.

Why should we pay anything since our taxes didn't go down when the service was stopped and was paid for from our taxes.

We should not be forced to pay for something that the city currently provides for free. If recycling is important, use the current sites provided by the city.

Please bring back curbside recycling in Chesapeake! Taking recycling to the library or other drop off locations is inconvenient (and like we did years and years ago!). The paid for curbside recycling available now is expensive.

In the 21st century there's such a desperate need to recycle and protect our environment, the wildlife, oceans and other waters. I feel that, especially living in a coastal area, we should be great stewards of our world.

It's embarrassing to tell friends and family that we don't have curbside recycling. So sad. Please help by bringing curbside recycling back to Chesapeake"

The previous program worked well for us. However, we need to know how recycling is benefiting the community. Is there a cost benefit analysis available for review. We don't want to do it again if it has little or no impact on the environment or trash facilities. In addition, it would be good to know how the recycled materials used,i.e. to create energy, etc.

Want to recycle better for our environment. Too difficult for me to take to a recycling place.

I hope recycling will be reinstated.

The city should strongly consider and review the services it provides to our citizens in light of the increased property taxes we have experienced over the past two years. A ~33% increase in annual property taxes with no corresponding increase in services, and actually a decrease with the suspension of curb-side recycling; downright criminal. Current property taxes are nearing rental levels which changes the decision calculus of many normal folks. What makes you think that is right and that you can get away with it. Insane. Do you forget everything all the sudden when you are in charge?

The current site in the library parking lot is convenient. However, the multi-use container is locked on the far side. Because of this, the far/locked side is underutilized. The trash only fills the front half of the container, which fills up fast. I believe this turns people away because it looks full. Unlock the far side so that both sides can be utilized.

It is obvious that the City of Chesapeake's alternate recycling plan has not been effective. You can observe on any trash pickup day, bins overflowing with items that should be recycled. For some neighborhoods recycling stations are miles away making it inconvenient. It is also abominable what that is doing to our landfill areas. Our leaders took a step backwards when they voted to discontinue curbside recycling last year. I am hopeful our newest council members will rectify this.

I would like to include glass. I currently drive to Virginia Beach to drop off glass.

As long as ALL things recyclable are taken I'm willing to pay a fee to have them picked up again but if I can't recycle glass (as you currently can't do at the drop off sites but used to be able to curbside) and am not allowed to recycle yogurt containers and other plastics #3-5 then no I don't want curbside again. I can take what I can to the park and take my glass to a friend in VB and take my #2-5 containers to Whole Foods. But seriously, recycling shouldn't be this hard!

Do not bring it back. Turned my blue bin 2 years ago

Adding a fee collected on quarterly basis is worth paying if we can return to curb side collection.

If needed to reduce cost, a presorted system by which the individual home put out recyclables in presorted bins.

I am not in support of expensive recycling

If the program is reinstated, recommend the city makes an effort to educate people on what is recyclable. Circulars or even mailing out a one time print magnet with recyclable items would be helpful.

I am strongly pro - Recycling.

I'd like to see a solution that include: Plastics, Plastic Bags, Pizza boxes (they say they are recyclable on the box) <- If they aren't, then the pizza companies should be held accountable. and Glass.

If we are going to offer we need to ensure all plastics are accepted

It's ridiculous that the City of Chesapeake can't get their act together and have a recycle program at your house for pickup. I have more recycle items than I have garbage. As high as our taxes are why do we have to pay for it? The city should pay for it. Our taxes are ridiculous! Get your crap together and put the recycle program back in place.

Hopefully everyone remembers about this crap when we go to vote next time and get the trash out of city hall and the city council. "

We really miss the recycling program. I am the only person in the house using the available recycling, which only accounts for about a 10th of our household recyclables. We want to be responsible around waste and its relationship to climate control, but the current situation is only convenient for me. Everyone else is leaving the recycling in with the regular weekly garbage pickup.

We were using Happy Planet Recycling (private company suggested on the Chesapeake website), but they just discontinued their regular services and you have to resign up at a gigantic price hike. Their rate went from \$20/month to \$100/month which is absolutely insane.

We recycle more materials than we trash in our household. With the current state of the planet and growing size of the trash mountains in the Chesapeake/VA beach area, Curbside recycling seems like a worthwhile use of the taxpayer money. Please please reinstate it.

We pay a decent amount of real estate tax, water sewage and waste tax, and our taxes continue to increase, and yet the vote was not about what the people wanted or needed but instead what city council prioritized. It is a shame that people in Chesapeake should be asked to shoulder additional fees, with inflation and the fact that we did not agree with this decision to

begin with. It is our tax dollars and the should be utilized to better our community and our quality of life this is to include curb side recycling!

I currently pay \$12 a month of bi-weekly curbside pickup. This service is incredibly reliable, I can track the driver and they will notify my if they are unable to come pick up recycling. They also let me know what day they will be there. This is valuable to me and makes my life a lot easier. It is more reliable than the city's previous contract was and less hassle. I would also like to see weekly recycling if we are to go back to a city sponsored program. Bi-weekly and 1 trash can was not enough. With my current plan I can put out as much as I want.

Please bring back curbside service. I'm willing to pay for such service and even separate my glass and cardboard

I have been an avid recycler for ever. I believe the city should be responsible for helping the citizens to preserve our resources and continue to have a healthy city for future generations.

With the national government continuing to talk about going green at bigger levels why are they not helping out at the local level. I feel we in Chesapeake shouldn't pay a fee because our neighboring cities don't change a fee. Our taxes our high and not sure where all that money goes. I also feel city park is such a great place, why can't some music and food trucks be a weekly or monthly thing to help raise money for recycling.

Please bring back the recycling with a fee as an option. We were using Happy Planet but they just had to shut down. We are going to try the drop off locations, but they are not convenient to our work or home.

Please bring back recycling.

I understand that recycling is a business and that items to be recycled must have a market. What frustrates me is the recycling of plastics. When the city stopped curbside and went to the current mode all plastics, 1-7, were accepted. Now it is just 1 & 2, albeit all styles, not just with a spout. This needs to be addressed if a return to curbside is forthcoming. Also glass needs to be included. As someone who walks a lot and is constantly picking up trash and recyclables I would heartily embrace a return to curbside recycling. Thank you.

Education is my best guess as to how to make recycling work. I am sure you could find volunteers to help with going into schools of all levels to make presentations of why and how to handle recycling for all of our futures.

The same presentations should be made at all civic meetings and requests for more volunteers. Public Service ads in print, social media and Radio/TV could help.

Having some form of prominent ""Award"" for businesses that excel in recycling to display could keep it in the public eye and mind."

Most cities have workable recycling. And charge for it.

Bins need to be inspected for proper use and not collected if in violation.

Trash bins inspected for recyclables and not collected if in violation

Who will process recyclables? In Iowa, there is statewide recycling and it all is processed locally.

The decision to discontinue the curbside recycling is one of the most stupid, shortsighted decisions ever made.

PLEASE BRING IT BACK! I have my blue. In and ready to go. I miss it every single day. But too much effort and too much to store it and bring it to other sites. "

Chesapeake recycling service was valuable to our communities and to the environment. Please reinstate the program with as minimal a cost as possible to your citizens.

Please add glass acceptance to drop off sites

I hope the city is able to find an affordable solution for our community. This is an important service and friends in other cities are shocked to learn that Chesapeake no longer offers a solution.

Please bring back curbside recycling! My family's recycling habits declined considerably since the service was stopped due to the reduced convenience. It's important for the city to set a good example for its children/ young citizens.

The current drop off site works well for our household except that glass is not accepted. To encourage more recycling, I think garbage pickup should be changed to bi-weekly pickup, except in extreme hot weather, or fees should be charged for garbage pickup in some form such as pay per pickup or by the pound. Our household of 4 adults sort out the recyclable items and our weekly garbage can is rarely half full and make a weekly, or less often, trip to the collection site at City Hall to drop off an average of one container full of recycling. More education, enforcement and recycling options are definitely needed.

I strongly believe that the city manager can make room in the budget for curbside recyclable without assessing a fee on residents. I think with better management there is money to cover the costs.

There should be a bidding process for industrial re-cyclers to make a contract with the city. Perhaps, instead of pick-up schedule of once every two weeks, it could be less frequent. Once per month could work for a lot of households. If necessary, offer a bigger pick-up bin to those who would need it. I do not mind the current arrangement of self drop-offs, as long as it does not require an added tax. As I have already said, I strongly believe that the city manager can make a budget that includes curbside recycling at no additional tax to home owners.

How does the city handle its own waste disposal? Do the city offices recycle?? Do the city departments have a contract with a recycler? I think (I'm not sure) that businesses already have contracts for trash and recycle pickups.

Let us all enjoy the benefits of curbside recycling.

NO NEW TAX! I already pay approximately \$3,000 per year RE TAX and as time goes by, as a home owner I am receiving less service from the City of Chesapeake, VA

I moved here from VB. I really miss the recycling. Unfortunately I'm getting older and use a cane. Getting everything to the car, going to an out of the way place, trying to get everything in a dumpster was difficult. More than happy to take a can out every other week like I did in VB.

So much is paid for trash service. City needs to be more careful with their spending.

It should be a service covered by our current taxes. When you cancelled the program, I don't recall that the city lowered our taxes or provided a refund.

It is valuable providing the recycling program not only collects, but also actually recycles the materials. If it really ends up as garbage, don't bother.

Our household regularly filled 1-2 curbside containers of recyclables and 1/2 container of trash.

Thank you for reconsidering. I hope you find a reputable, reliable service.

Drop off site in Western Branch is normally very full. Users still add materials that aren't recyclable - plastics, glass, and other items, so this isn't any better than the garbage that ends up in the curbside pick up.

It would be great to have this service again.

We are now in our early 70's and have been dedicated recyclers since the First Earth Day. Years of taking it to the Deep Creek School. We recycled back in Williamsburg too. Been here in Mill Creek since 1990. Our family business in Cavalier Cavalier Park, also recycled as much as possible. Taking all our tin/aluminum to the old Dog Pound.

Now after paying all the increasing taxes for years, the Recycling ended. We are aware that the reason was to help fund first responders. Good.

Getting hurt hauling it out to the Park to dump it. Very soon will not be able to do so.

The city brags about all the jobs and money it has gotten by letting the city over develop. How about taking the money back for recycling in the suburbs to start.

I feel that curbside recycling should resume majority of my garbage could be recycled, and I feel like it is a waste to send this to the dump .

While I would not want an exorbitant bill, I would willingly pay to have the city collect everything on one day, rather than keep track of random pickups. I feel strongly that Chesapeake NOT recycling is a step backwards and not responsible use of resources. Doing the right thing is not usually the cheapest or most convenient thing.

It is unconscionable that in the current state of the world that Chesapeake has chosen to discontinue recycling. We have an obligation to the current citizens as well as our children and grandchildren to govern responsibly and not leave them paying for our avarice .

I carry my recycling material over to Northampton County because I have a summer residence there and the county dump has recycling bins.

I feel we should not have to pay for a service that others receive money for.

I am a recycler and have always done so even when I lived in Va Bch. Chesapeake could stop the credit back program to help with cost, people just need to do it !

I WAS/AM NOT HAPPY WHEN THE CITY STOPPED COLLECTING RECLYABLE PRODUCTS. ITS AS IF THE CITY DOES NOT WANT TO PROTECT THE ENVIRONMENT

It is important to continue recycling but not having it offered by the city is very difficult.

As a senior citizen, I know that curbside pickup is much more manageable. But I also know from years of curbside pickup that far too many people either didn't take advantage of the program, or used their blue bin for garbage. It's tough to fix stupid so the city council has its work ahead!

Curbside recycling is essential to keeping our community healthy and prosperous. I would dare to say since it was taken away, and with out much notice or input from the community as a whole, citizens of Chesapeake lost faith in recycling all together. Putting a few recycling receptacles around in various locations doesn't serve the entire community. Our family and friends want to recycle but it became extremely inconvenient to transport recycling waste for a family of five to a recycling center and searching for a private company wasn't practical . Please bring back curbside recycling!! The majority of our neighbors agreed that it felt like they had no say in this service being taken away and would have gladly even considered a small fee to have this service continued. Please give us this extremely important service back.

Please bring curbside recycling back. There is so much recycling material going to the trash dump because people don't want to drive to the recycling drop offs.

Chesapeake charges enough fees already. The city should reinstate the recycling program immediately. Many more people would recycle if they didn't have to drive to the centers. I am lucky enough to live near one, but many other people don't.

Recycling is way over rated. Keep my taxes costs down.

Chesapeake please bring it back

Have been very disappointed in our leaders in the planning of this and of planning additional growth. Impression is that concern revolves around finances and not the wholistic approach to growth, quality of life in our city, or to the protection of the environment; seems short-sighted.

Not that this is the proper forum, but will also add concern for increasing litter along public roads, streets. ie on Battlefield Blvd around the overpass prior to 7-11. What is city's plan for addressing? What department tasked with this?

Hopefully, leaders will truly review a more comprehensive plan and include all variables in decision making.

Thank you for attention and sincere efforts to resolve.

Real estate appraisals SIGNIFICANTLY increased. Not willing to pay for a service we used to get as included service. Too much trouble to go to recycling drop off

We only get one Mother Earth

Chesapeake our taxes are high, we should be afforded curbside pick up for our recycling.

I have driven by the so called city recycling dumpsters. These are a ridiculous joke. If only one neighborhood brought all their recycling to one of these dumpsters they would easily overflow. Most people are unwilling

or unable to load their vehicles up, drive and unload their items. Think-gas, time and exertion on the elderly.

How much has it cost the city to now pick up everything and simply dispose of it in a non eco friendly manner? The city could consider bimonthly pickups. The potential cost of reinstating recycling needs to be shared with all residents and not simply another item levied on property taxes. City of Chesapeake needs to act responsibly for our city and our planet!

Noticing more recycled materials thrown in the city streets since stopping city recycling; recommend reinstating to minimize recycling materials now mixed in with the regular trash Also have the recycle bin emptied once a week like the regular trash. The recycle bin fills faster than my trash

I have used the drop off locations, and, on occasion, find them to be full. The one I use is convenient, however it is difficult to take the items there as frequently as I must. Curbside would be worth the cost.

Chesapeake... wish the recycling sites had glass recycling.

Would pay up to \$10 month for recycling to come to house."

Ideally, the city should not charge for recycling. Need to to encourage folks to recycle by making it easy on them and even give incentives so they will recycle. We would Like to recycle but do not have time to bring recyclables to the center. Wish the city can find a partner to do the recycling as companies make money from it. Perhaps it can also be incorporated in the community service programs? Thank you.

Please bring back curbside recycling.

City council was voted in primarily over recycling. All candidates said they would bring it back. Live up to your promise and not lie to the citizens.

Chesapeake We pay the city enough as it is. I don't understand why pick up for recycle ended. It saddens me to throw it all in the trash. Please bring back recycling.

Current drop off points do not accept glass which is one of the best items to recycle.

I would like to see recycling reinstated.

Many people do not have a truck to haul recycling items to drop off points.

Having drop off points discriminates against the elderly and disabled.

Recycling is the environmentally responsible and sustainable.

Perhaps looking at other successful city recycling models would help.

Property taxes already too high. Pay for recycling without adding another tax burden.

Add recycling of glass as option at recycling sites.

Compliments to the city staff who maintain the recycling site at Old Greenbrier Road library. It's always clean & they even have come to empty the containers on a weekend.

Would like more grades of plastic to be accepted.

Also, can't believe glass is no longer accepted by Chesapeake, I have to take to Food Lion at Military & Indian River Road. Please find out from them who recycles their glass.

We need recycling back. I am glad people are using the drop off centers but know many are no longer recycling at all due to lack of service. We can't destroy the earth more. Future generation deserve better from us!

We find it unfortunate that in a time when we are so aware about our world, that we would remove a simple solution that can easily help. Curbside recycling is much more convenient & has greater success than drop off locations.

This is an absolutely essential service. It was irresponsible to remove it on so many levels. Unfortunately, many citizens can't our waiting recycle without it being easy and convenient. We need need to be responsible to the health of our encouragement and make it something everyone can participate in.

With the amount of taxes we pay and the importance of recycling to the environment, I do not understand why this service was discontinued. Especially , when other neighboring cities did not discontinue their services.

I am disappointed in the City of Chesapeake's decision!

Twice I arrived at the drop-off & been unable to put anything in the bins because they were full. Twice I arrived & large roll-off dumpster had been taken away to empty it. I recycle weekly.

Glass needs to be recycled somewhere in Chesapeake!!

Sorting, saving, and transporting recyclables to the drop off site is an inconvenience to me, but it's not impossible. However, I was raised to recycle, as it was ingrained in me by my mother, so that which is my natural obligation and duty as a citizen, is not the same to many, if not most other humans.

It would be my guess that if the city of Chesapeake brought back curbside recycling for no cost, then most people would be happy about it, and eagerly take advantage of the program again.

I believe that if you charge anything for the service though, but don't give people the option to join in, by forcing us to pay, then you'll likely have a real problem from the humans that don't believe in recycling...which is probably still a good portion of them.

Regardless of what course of action the Board takes, it would make the most sense to have glass be a recyclable item again, either at pickup or drop off.

I feel that recycling should be included in our taxes and not a separate fee. Glass needs to be recycled as well.

Bringing back curbside recycling would be very beneficial, personally I pay for a private service, but I don't suspect any of my neighbors do. Having it included though the city would definitely make those less motivated more likely to recycle and better the planet/environment. The amount of trash they have each week is incredible and I'm sure some of it could be recycled. In regards to my private service, glass costs extra and we don't

collect enough to pay for it every other week, so instead it has been collecting at my house. I plan to try and take it to a drop off center, but from my research most drop off centers accept glass which is unfortunate.

Please bring back recycling!

Chesapeake- can't afford to pay at this time

Consider monthly pickup only recycle clean metals and plastic and glass. Cardboard is too difficult minimal impact on environment and people are too stupid or lazy to only recycle proper papers.

The city sells the stuff they pickup!

Citizens should not have to pay: I feel that our taxes are already as such that it should be covered and the company itself is making money off of the recycling so no, I am not willing to pay MORE for the service.

Fee should already be covered by the sewage & garbage fees we already pay. We have more recyclable materials than actual garbage at our house.

I have more recycled items than regular trash. Willing to pay a fee

Hoping this service will return. If not for the community, for the environment as a whole. Recycling is such an important piece of protecting our planet for future generations. Every small contribution counts.

We try to use the drop off site. However, on occasion due to our location it is simply not convenient to haul the recycle materials to a collection site. In that case the garbage can is used.

The policy should never have been discontinued. We pay more than ample taxes and the service should be part of our city's commitment to saving the earth!

I think we pay enough in taxes that we should not have to pay by doing our part to keep our planet green.

It's outrageous to see the amount of recycling material being just thrown in trash and filling up our landfills. We are doing our beautiful earth a disservice

Before the curbside program was canceled, I recycled about 70% more than trash. It was so wrong to cancel the curbside program.

I feel recycling is very important and we should continue despite the cost.

Chesapeake, please bring back the recycling program. Recycled materials make up 25% - 35% of our trash. And I typically do not have the space or transportation options to transport it to a facility.

We had used recycling for 20 years prior to it being cancelled. I voted specifically for candidates that stated they support recycling in Chesapeake. If it is not restarted, I will be voting against each of the five newly incoming members in the next election. The private recycling companies are not nearly as easy as the city service used to be. The drop off locations are a joke, hence why we don't use them. Additionally the special recycle items like electronics are extremely difficult to recycle. Drop off 1 or 2 days each month on a Wednesday. If you have a job, good luck using that horrible service. I suspect most items just go into the regular garbage. Chesapeake definitely has a well below average recycling and waste service. Reinstate the recycling program now.

Stop the recycling. It is really a waste of time, money, and effort. I am not willing to pay a dime towards that.

Recycling helps us all keep the planet safer. Recyclables are just being thrown away also since the program was discontinued, which overall will be worse for our city/area. We don't always have time to put out recycling for private companies and trying to load it up and take it to a drop off center is inconvenient based on the hours open. Please bring back the weekly/bi-weekly trucks!!!

This service was free before. It should be free again.

WE NEED RECYCLING BROUGHT BACK TO CHESAPEAKE, PERIOD!
PLASTIC NEEDS TO BE RECYCLED! PLASTIC WASTE IS TOXIC TO
OUR PLANET, OUR OCEANS AND ANIMALS! COME ON CHESAPEAKE!
YOU CAN DO BETTER!

I am not willing to pay an additional fee due to the fact it is already part of our taxes.

As the City of Chesapeake continues to grow, waste diversion/ recycling will continue to be very important. Making recycling accessible for all residents by curbside pickup is a great way for those who may not have the time or resources to drop off.

We tried using the drop off sites. They are inconveniently located and are ALWAYS overflowing, dirty, and full of stuff that can't be recycled. The city wastes so much money and then they take away such a valuable service. Now, they want to charge us for something that used to be included. We pay some of the highest taxes, ridiculous property taxes, and now this. It is honestly adding to the list of reasons to move away out of Chesapeake.

My only disappointment with the drop-off sites is the lack of glass and plastics 4&5 recycling. I don't find it an inconvenience to make a weekly run to the drop-off.

We would very much like to use this service, however we are not willing to pay. There are several useless line items in the city budget that could more than pay for this service. You continue to dump money into speeding cameras and raise property tax values. Massive homes continue to be built in hickory of which you tax to death and that money cannot be seen anywhere.

PLEASE begin actually recycling glass.

In today's world, not recycling is going backwards, not progress. It makes Chesapeake look "cheap".

Having recycling is essential for the planet.

tooo bad so much of the recyclables are now ending up in the landfill-just filling it up that much faster. We do use the drop-ofuse the drop off sites but rarely get over there (only twice since the curbside recycling was discontinued).

Chesapeake need bring back recycling back in Chesapeake

While I would like to recycle, I feel we already pay enough in taxes and fees.

I feel like we need to think about of communities as well as our children and

thier futures. With not recycling what are we teaching them? That money matters more over them and where they live? I should hope not!

I would be willing to pay a fee up to 20 dollars, as long as there was transparency with the selected recycling program. I believe that recycling is a vital part of reducing our footprint, and to take that away is only accelerating the harmful effect on our environment.

Recycling is imperative for the earth. Teach our kids how to do things the right way.

We can only recycle with curbside pick up. We are not able to physically go to drop off.

For the answer above regarding aluminum/tin, that includes the aluminum cans that we take to Chesapeake Animal Services.

While we did not like losing glass recycling (or curbside recycling), it was a trade off for Plastic #5 recycling which was then quickly removed from the eligible items, leaving Chesapeake with less recyclable items. Other jurisdictions manage to allow for glass and Plastic #5 recycling, so there are clearly options available. For us, we are currently “trading” glass and Plastic #5 recyclables with family and friends in other jurisdictions (in exchange, we take their aluminum cans to Chesapeake Animal Services (which collects cans to raise money for its medical fund (a recycling option that the City should promote, and make it easier for people to contribute to), their pill bottles to area animal shelters and rescues, and their plastic bags to York County (which is collecting them to help its community obtain new community benches made from recycled plastic, which project is something Chesapeake should look into)). All the while, our garage looks like a recycling center with different bins, and a big blue Chesapeake curbside bin uselessly taking up space (we do not need it for trash, as we do what we can to recycle). We want curbside recycling (and, if the general

fund cannot cover it, we understand a small fee for it (but not a fee that helps with other budget items (which seemed to many what the Manager was trying to do last year)), but with significant excess funds mentioned in Summer 2022 as being available for use for something else while curbside recycling was cut, many doubt the need for an extra fee of any kind, and the Manager needs to explain this.

This service should be covered under the current fees paid

We already pay a fee for trash collection. Recycling should be encouraged by the city! Making people pay for it isn't an incentive. They will throw it in the trash can and be done with it!

At the drop off sites, it would be great if you would include glass also!

We have been recycling since we moved to Chesapeake from Northern Virginia in 1991. We used the drop-off locations before the curbside recycling began. We were very careful with the curbside recycling to NOT include items that did not meet the requirements. When curbside recycling ended last year, we started using the drop-off recycling again. It was EXTREMELY disappointing to find that the originally stated Plastics #1-#7 was changed to ONLY #1 and #2 WITHOUT notifying anyone. As well, there is NO excuse NOT to allow through #7. Finally, PLEASE find a way to allow glass to be recycled! Glass thrown into landfills will be there forever! The fact that we will pay \$10/month INCLUDES all plastics and glass!

Thank you for taking time to consider this issue. As a planner, considering future studies on impacts of starting / stopping service seems to have not been conducted-funded and was led by a singular person in the city government who had no expertise. Without hiring out this type of cost-benefit analysis study (or funding within the planning department) it seems very likely that many city resources were lost without the benefit of anyone

and to the detriment of all stakeholders. Hope that this future effort is funded/studied to determine best use of resources of city. Hope findings show a real cost benefit to providing such a service (demand). City land still costs to operate on, employees to adequately staff drop off sites, transport materials, etc. All in all, as a community planning/facility engineer that conducts these types of studies frequently, I remain skeptical of the true benefit/cost of stopping the recycle program and believe it may have put further burden on city resources. Wish Chesapeake the best of luck in discovering a way forward with the recycling challenge.

Please bring back curbside recycling pick up.

I feel the city did the correct thing by canceling the service.

Personally, I was fully aware of what could and can not be recycled in the blue can. But, I would notice so many blue cans with just crap in them. Residents just did not educate themselves on what was allowed in the bin. Personally, the residents that recycle at the drop off locations, drop off now recycle correctly, because they are rule following residents. Not all of them because I do see items not allowed. But not all trash, like before for pick up.

I'm 100% on board for drop off at locations. It's not all that inconvenient. Thank you for giving us that option. "

Please bring back curbside recycling to help our plant for future generations.

Hey... Chesapeake doesn't recycle. That's the problem. You knuckleheads got rid of recycling and then shortly afterwards new trash trucks appeared. Miraculous! For years, the trash guys can't/won't put my

trash cans back into my driveway where it was and as a result, vehicles keep hitting my cans in the road. Same for everyone else. So people have to keep requesting new cans to replace the damaged ones. Where's the efficiency in this evolution???? Who's running that shitshow????
Chesapeake is the laughing stock of the world.

I believe that a common recycling program can play an important role in make each individual's global footprint more sustainable and raises awareness that each one of us can and must participate for a better tomorrow.

We pay more than enough in taxes to reinstate curbside recycling. This was a service used by every household in Chesapeake and it's absurd it was cancelled.

If one of the problems with recycling was doing it incorrectly, then rules should be stated and reviewed often. Educating the public is a great way to reinforce proper recycling.

My coworkers in Virginia Beach and Norfolk are astounded that Chesapeake stopped the recycling program. With a growing city in population and trying to attract young families, it is a step backward to not have recycling like these other cities around us.

I would gladly pay a fee for recycling yearly.

Bring recycling back! Terrible to send plastic, aluminum, and other recyclable materials to the landfill. Does Chesapeake not care about the environment?

it is shameful to be the dirtiest least green city in 757

My taxes should pay for this service. Which we pay quite abit. Your teaching the children in Chesapeake nothing about how to pertect the Environment. All it comes down to chesapeake money hungry, no other city has this problem.

It is a disgrace that the City removed curbside recycling last year. However, I am thrilled that they are revisiting it now. It is necessary to keep our city clean. Please approve at no cost, as many in our community may not be able to afford such an increase. Our community is connected to the Chesapeake Bay, and we must keep our water, air, and soil clean. Please do the right thing by approving curbside pickup, even if it is only every other week. Thank you for your consideration.

Bring back something that should not have been stopped in the first place. Get developers who are building on wetlands to pay the extra fee for recycling.

Please bring back curb side recycling!

It's not only a convenience that we have enjoyed all 27 years we've been Chesapeake residents but it's also a necessary service that future/potential buyers will expect when/if we put our home on the market. It's messy and time-consuming to take our items to the drop off sites and often the bins are too full to load ours. It's also disheartening that glass is not accepted. This has been a huge disappointment. I hope you will find a way to reinstate this service.

We loved our recycling program and often overflowed our recycling can. We just moved to Chesapeake from Virginia Beach in 2020 and actively used our recycling program there since 2004 when we moved here. We really hope the recycling program is brought back. Thank you!

Please bring back the recycling program. It is useful for teaching kids to be mindful of reusing and recycling.

the convenience of the separate can for Amazon boxes and detergent bottles allowed for more room for actual garbage in the brown can.

I believe recycling is needed to help our environment and for the sake of future generations. It is a stewardship issue for what we were given and how to maintain the environment. Thanks for considering the issue.

I live close to the recycle center so it is not especially inconvenient.

We use the drop offs but it would be much easier for pickup, as before. Wish someone could actually recycle glass.

Everyone is very upset to learn that the recycling drop off was just being taken to the dump anyway. Wasting everyone's time and effort getting it there. We stopped bothering which is awful.

Bring back recycling PLEASE"

Do it or dont. I'm not paying to recycle

I wi only recycle seriously if there is curbside pickup!!!! It is too difficult to recycle items and drop them off!!!! Bring it back!

I would pay to bring this back. We still recycle, but we would do a lot more if it were curbside. It is a hassle to put all of that stuff into the car and drive it down to a site. I know a lot of people stopped recycling all together. That is hurting the environment. Please bring it back.

We are highly taxed already within Chesapeake and free recycling should be reinstated as a part of what our taxes go to as citizens of Chesapeake.

Keeping it free encourages higher participation in keeping recyclables out of landfills. We were avid and appropriate recyclers, and we don't recycle now since we don't have the space and means to sort/store our own, load it up and get it to a drop site.

PLEASE BRING BACK CURBSIDE RECYCLING. It never should have gone away in the first place. Most people I know would pay for it to come back- that should have been put in place before it was taken away altogether.

This should be a city run process that is included in our city taxes

The cost of recycling was previously included as part of our taxes however when recycling stopped taxes were not lowered. I do not believe there should be an extra fee for recycling.

Chesapeake what we're pay tax for

I feel I do already pay for it! Real estate and other taxes should cover curbside recycle pick up, it's 2023!

Do the right thing and bring it back. It is embarrassing that we do not have it. How much money did the city spend on having the words "in god we trust" put on all the city vehicles? Chesapeake needs to move forward, not backwards.

Why are city leaders considering backward steps.? Chesapeake is a good place to live. Axing basic recycling is not a proud moment in our history.

Not sure how much we paid previously.

We are willing to pay a little to recycle, however, glass and other items that are not currently acceptable should be added.

Very few people on my street are recycling. I have taken upon myself to recycle for everyone at work and my family whom all live in Chesapeake. I am working very hard for my environment. If its to hard people just won't do it, and they don't realize the importance to our community to our planet to recycle. It is our responsibility to recycle. Please make it curb side so more people will do what is necessary. I am asking the city council to vote in a responsible way and bring back curb side. Ignoring the problem will not make it go away.

I find it embarrassing and civically irresponsible that we no longer have city recycling. As a senior citizen, I am both unable and unwilling to travel to drop off points.

I do think we pay enough taxes already, but if the fee is the "deal breaker," then I am willing to pay for a good program that includes receptacles maintained in good condition, pick up in a timely manner, and responsible disposal of the materials.

Please address this crisis immediately. Reinstate city recycling. Thank you for your actions to satisfy this city-wide concern."

We were great recycling people until it became such a pain to get rid of it!

Would be very happy to have this service again! Please help Chesapeake go back to the future!!

Happy to see this is being reconsidered!

80% of my garbage is recyclable materials. I have been with Happy Planet since the city discontinued the recycling program and I was very happy. However, they have discontinued their service as well due to costs. I am so disappointed as I now have to throw perfectly recyclable materials into the trash which will ultimately wind up in a landfill. This makes me feel very irresponsible to our planet and very discouraged knowing I'm unable to contribute to the health of our planet.

We only recycle paper and cardboard. Before the city stopped collections we recycled paper, cardboard, glass, and plastic but at age 86 but it is too much of a problem to drive to the center as we both have illnesses. If there was a city pickup we'd recycle everything. How much recycling do our councillors do?

I used to be a recycler but find it too difficult to do since Chesapeake stopped recycling services but be willing to pay a small fee to reinstate it. Also, when I did recycle, I was aware of which items could be recycled & tried my best to adhere the rules BUT I don't think everyone were as aware of the "do & don'ts of recycling rules"; (it was somewhat complicated.)

Recycling is important to me. When the program stopped I started taking my recyclables to family homes in Norfolk and Va Beach because those cities accept more items. And I didn't want to have to sort through everything at Chesapeake sites.

It's really sad that Chesapeake is so behind the times. It's unacceptable! We pay a lot in city taxes and I'm not sure if we get our money's worth!

However, I am willing to pay but chose the \$5 option above because I have no idea what is reasonable. But I am very interested in seeing the program reinstated for a reasonable fee. "

We have never received a credit for the recycling service that was stopped. My taxes have not dropped — what did you, the city, do with the millions that was allocated each year for the city recycling services? Are you, the city, planning to double dip and now charge us?

Please reinstate the curbside pick up of recycling, I'm not willing to go out of my way to recycle but it really is better for everyone to pick up the recycling, and some people probably would be willing to go out of their way but are not able to for whatever reason, the curbside was so much more accessible

We pay enough in taxes. I haven't noticed a credit on our bill for taking away the curb side recycling. The end of June last year. Plus, we have more houses. More people paying storm water fees. But storm water fees keeps increasing. A lot of our friends are planning on moving out of Chesapeake because of all the increase fees and real estate taxes. We'll be leaving in a few years as well.

I just can't believe that recycling has been done away with. It's a lose Lose situation. I imagine my Grandchildren wading through trash in about 30 years. We have definitely taken a few steps backwards in 2022/2023.

Chesapeake City didn't reduce my fee when they did away with this vital

service.... I do not understand how the city spent so much effort to get everybody onboard and participating, just to pull the plug???? I recycled to the point we only had two bags of trash per week.

Please bring back curb side recycling and find better sources do more items could be recycled. We have one planet and don't need more mountains of trash!

The facts that have been reported have not shown to be effective and it is to costly. Am not willing to pay any fees.

We need to go back to recycling for it is good for our environment. I think we should go forward instead of backwards. My trash doubled when you stopped the service. I don't like the idea of paying for this service but I am willing to pay as much as 5.00 a month. Please do the right thing.

Please bring back recycling. We're literally the only city in South Hampton Roads without it and it's completely ridiculous. How does the 2nd largest city in Virginia not have curbside recycling but most other large cities have been able to figure it out?

We used to fill two recycling bins every two weeks. Now we have to go to drop off 1-2 times a week. It would be great if curbside were brought back

Chesapeake bring back recycling! It's embarrassing to tell people who do not live in Chesapeake that we do not recycle. How can we have a "Clean and Green" poster contest for children when we do not recycle?

Having to carry to a remote location or hire a private contractor is not an easy task for my household. When the city had a recycling company we used both of the Blue bins on a regular basis. It also limited our household

waste down to one brown bin. It would be a welcomed relief to be able to recycle through a city led effort again.

I personally feel that paying A fee is another way of gouging the citizen especially those on set incomes! Find another way to get the funds you have always succeeded before

Recycling guidelines should be made as clear and accessible as possible

Chesapeake: it is abused then fine folks, but don't discourage us who do the right thing. If you need to limit what can be recycled and least take cardboard, paper, glass and aluminum. Or make is presort into separate containers.

Please bring back recycling. The private company does ok but it is slightly more of a hassle recycling with them than the city. Most people may not care enough to directly pay for recycling but it helps the environment and minimizes landfill waste. Do what is right, not what is cheapest! Thanks.

My percentages above relate to when the city provided recycling. I do not recycle now, because it would cost me about \$8 in gas for one round-trip to go to a drop-off location on top of the 45 minutes minimum of my time, and having to put all that stuff in my car. We used to fill up our blue can every two weeks, and many times we held recycling items over because our blue can was completely full. We were always very careful to only put approved recyclable items in our bin, and we still always filled it up. Because of being able to recycle so much, that made our brown can only have a bag or two each week. Now we completely fill our brown can every week and many weeks have to also put the blue can out for the trash man. I would gladly pay a monthly fee to have this service through the city. I can't even imagine how many more tons of garbage goes in the landfills now that all

the recyclables are going to the landfill instead of being picked up by a recycling company contracted through the city.

I have lived here since 1992 and feel that the City of Chesapeake gets enough nickels and dimes out of me that I should not have to pay any additional funds to recycle goods that they will ultimately get the benefit. Currently I take my recyclables to a friend/relative's house in a near city and deposit into their recycle bin. Occasionally I use the drop off in front of Food Lion. I do not know what % of my recyclables is of what material. I had to answer that I currently do not recycle as your question did not have an answer that fit.

I appreciate that the area around the drop off site is clean and that the bins are emptied regularly. Curbside pickup would obviously be more convenient, but I live near a dropoff site so I don't mind using it if the alternative is dumping recyclables in the trash

Chesapeake should provide curb side service.

When I was a kid my dad had us help him recycle. We would separate them, tin from glass from cardboard and newspaper. We would take them down the street to TFC. I remember when Chesapeake started with the small blue boxes, which were not big enough for us to stop dropping it off ourselves, and eventually getting the blue bins. When I moved back to Chesapeake I was excited to be able to use curbside recycling again after living where I had to drop it off myself. Now I'm doing that again and I'm so disappointed. I'd love the bins to come back, as someone who wants to buy a house in Chesapeake instead of rent.

My neighborhood requires minimum police, fire, school, road, etc expense. Average real estate tax bill is in excess of \$5,000 per house. I would think

the City could provide trash removal including recyclables without any additional fees or taxes

We used the curbside recycling program faithfully for the entire time the city had it in existence. With increased real estate taxes, we feel that this service should be reinstated and should be free of charge to residents.

Paying wouldn't be too bad if the trucks ran on a schedule and stuck to it, instead of skipping days and pick up times all over the place.

I have done recycling for years. I clean out all cans, plastic bottles, etc. for your sake and mine.

I have never had to pay for this service.

The service should be included in the taxes we pay the city yearly.

We need the recycling back we it's a hassle going to the recycle station but feel guilty throwing ut away

Recycling is important. Most families will recycle if curbside is offered. Drop off is very inconvenient and many just stop as a result.

I'd be willing to pay a fee for recycling if the program was well developed and accepted a wider variety of materials, including plastics #3-7, glass, and cartons. Why don't we have drop-off bins for cartons when TFC accepts cartons for recycling via mail from all over the country as only one of four facilities in the nation?? Why would I mail TFC my cartons when they're located RIGHT HERE in Chesapeake? A single stream recycling drop-off bin for glass like the purple bins in northern Virginia also seems

like a missed opportunity here in Chesapeake as we have glass processing facilities both north and south of us in Toano and North Carolina. Even if these aren't in curbside recycling, it doesn't make sense that we have no opportunities to drop-off glass or cartons for recycling in Chesapeake. The current recycling program is disappointing and would be so much better with more options and consistent communication. The program started out with residents being able to recycle a much wider variety of plastics than the curbside program previously offered and several months later stopped accepting anything outside of #1 and #2 plastics without communicating this anywhere other than on the small print on the poorly placed signage on-site and on the internet that you'd have to check frequently to know if there were any changes. People can't recycle the correct things if they aren't notified properly of changes. Many residents are willing to go the extra mile. The city can do better on their end so we (as residents) can be better participants.

Chesapeake we live in the country and we don't have many police that come to our area. In 33 years we have lived here trash and recycling are really the only services we have. Fire there has only been one. Storm Water they rarely clean our ditches or our storm drains. They only clean our streets twice a year and usually when we hardly have any leaves but we have lots of trees in our neighborhood. Our houses are valued at 750.00 dollars and we pay lots of taxes on our three acre lots. You all need to do away with unnecessary top brass and pay for our reclyables."

We do miss having curbside recycling and have to empty our kitchen trash more frequently!

Please bring back curbside recycling!

I actually pay \$11/month due to paying for the full year up front. I do not recycle glass because I was unwilling to pay more than \$11.

I want to recycle!! Right now we can only do plastic, paper, and cardboard. I want to recycle glass, tin cans, aluminum, etc as well. More importantly, I want to KNOW that the recycles are really being recycled! Not just dumped in the trash.

The recycling people make money from this, the city nor the people should pay.

Recycling is a must for our environment.

Chesapeake, please bring back recycling, even if it's limited items. This is a chance to be a leader, we already pay quite a bit in taxes, so figure it out !

The private service is nice but requires much more work than the city service does.

Currently not recycling because the drop off aren't managed well. I cannot drag all that to a bin that is full, and won't fit anything just to drag it back home.

What an embarrassment that this is the only city in tidewater that cannot manage to provide a recycling program.

There needs to be a complete overhaul in order to get city managers to lead the community and provide necessary services to the community.

Cons: Drop off site is always messy - stuff on ground, almost always busy, people don't follow the rules (ex cardboard in the non cardboard bins), can't recycle glass! Not convenient that I have to store it until I can drive it to the drop off. Pros: good amount of bins, typically not completely full,

If you reinstate it prove that it is going to be recycled and not just up charging us to throw it in the trash landfill like the current drop off centers. If you can not bring back true recycling then leave it be.

Bring back recycling now. Our city tax dollars used to pay for recycling. I never understood any logical reasons that recycling stopped other than to use our tax dollars for government raises or less necessary programs.

Please bring back curbside recycling. I hope there is an economic solution to help the planet. Thank you for your time.

I AM A SENIOR CITIZEN WITH DIFFICULTY GETTING RECYCLE MATERIALS TO LOCATIONS. HAVING IT PICKED UP AGAIN WOULD BE A BLESSING FOR SURE.

By discontinuing curbside recycling and the types of materials we are allowed to recycle has increased the amount of materials we are putting in the trash now. Also, the bins provided At the drop off locations are not easy to access to recycle a lot of material."

In Chesapeake it is criminal that with our current knowledge of the environment that we do not offer curbside recycling

I miss curb side recycling. I really appreciate the effort and convenience of my drop off site in the Greenbrier area. The city should probably raise taxes by a few coins and have residents pay."

The city has done a tremendous disservice to its residents, Hampton roads, and the environment by discontinuing curbside recycling in 2022 and half-assing the collection center locations (number, size, and materials allowed). Discontinuing the curbside service virtually guarantees that the

blue bins will never be filled with actual recyclables, if they ever were in first place - residents have become habituated to viewing them and their contents as trash, eliminating any distinction or discretion they showed before. Failing to provide the proper capacity, number, and range of recyclables at the drop off sites discouraged many from using them - I recall seeing piles of cardboard/etc stacked next to a handful of maxed out bins in July and August of 2022. Lastly, it is offensive that this survey implies the budget, after the 20% real estate assessment increases, can not accommodate a proper recycling program. Stop buying random plots of land in the fucking swamp and trying to call it an industrial park and do your god damn job.

I am happy with my private recycling service and suspect those of us who pay for the service do a much better job of keeping non-recyclables and contaminated products out of the recycling stream than when everyone had the previous City curbside service. It would be great if the City could negotiate with a vendor to establish a City-wide pay-to-recycle service to minimize out-of-pocket costs for the citizens who agree to individually pay for the service. If that is not practicable, then I would really like the City to provide glass recycling services at the drop-off sites.

I tried to take my boxes to the drop-off sites but they were often full. I prefer to recycle and am willing to only recycle what the company will take. It needs to be advertised as to what the company takes in recycling.

Please bring it back!

Please be environmentally responsible, and bring back curbside recycling.

My condo association does not have city recycling at this time. But when I move I would like the city to contract with a provider for curbside collection, marketing for education on how to recycle.

I recommend LARGE STICKERS that have instructions that not only state what is allowed, but WHAT IS NOT allowed. I imagine the costs add up when wrong items are placed in the bin.

I currently go to the Greenbrier park recycling center. Maybe it is just me, but they are always full.

I'd really like to recycle because it helps the environment but I don't feel that I should have to pay for it.

This was a shortsighted decision last year. Definitely a reason to no longer be proud of Chesapeake.

The city site should accept glass recycling.

Short sighted action to cancel curbside recycling. Lack of insight, logical thought is typical of the idiots serving (sic) / representing (sic) the taxpaying, revenue providing, basically screwed over inhabitants of Chesapeake. Time to vote out the incompetent incumbents (VOI2).

How was the previous program paid for?

We miss the curbside but enjoy the flexibility of dropping off at our convenience vice having to wait for the scheduled day.

I can't even believe the city would stop recycling in the 1st place. But I would love to have it back. I was so disappointed in the city that I've lived in my whole life (45 years) when it got cancelled.

Large families like mine do not have the storage capacity to store

recyclables at our home until we have time to take them to a drop off site that is over 10 minutes away if there is no traffic on battlefield. We used to fill out blue container faster than our trash and followed the rules as to the types of plastic, etc... All of our recyclables are currently going in the trash. I don't have a garage to sort them in and our shed is full.

I'm all for taxpayer cost savings, and I'm no liberal, but we recycled faithfully every 2 weeks. It made us feel like we were making a difference to our environment and our community.

Discontinuing the recycling program to save only a few million dollars a year seemed really short-sighted for the long run.

We do our best to recycle at the Old Greenbrier Library, but best intentions too often fall by the wayside. Many times our blue bin full of glass, plastic, and cardboard/paper just ends up being put out with the trash every few weeks. It makes me feel guilty every time it does.

Even if recycling were monthly instead of every other week, I'd feel better about our community not creating just another Trashmore.

Would be fantastic to see the city of Chesapeake reinstate weekly recycling with our existing blue containers! When I drop off my recyclables at the drop-off station off of Rt 17 down by the canal, it is very discouraging that I am always the only person there, and most of the bins are almost completely empty. And, every single one of my neighbors in the Oak Manor section of Chesapeake routinely are stuffing their blue containers with trash and rolling them to the curb each week alongside their brown trash containers, so obviously they are not taking their trash to a recycling dropoff station! Please take action to bring back curbside recycling to Chesapeake, for the good of our environment. THANK YOU.

Chesapeake city leaders should be embarrassed for their decision to end curbside recycling. Shame on them. When much of the country is progressing in their efforts, we're going backwards. Given the general lack of vision and leadership the council has shown it come as surprise a workable solution couldn't be found.

The ease of curbside recycling is what made us participate. It is important to us, but our rural area has been limiting in other services. We would support learning more about how the city could get this going as easy as it was in the past.

WE NEED THE RECYCLE BACK BECAUSE, WE ARE FILLING THE LANDFILL PLACE UP WAY TO FAST. PLUS MY KIDS FEEL BAD ABOUT NOT RECYCLING, AND SAVING THE PLANET! WE ARE FILLING OUR TRASH CANS UP WAY TOO FAST ALWAYS. PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE BRING BACK THE RECYCLING!

I would love to have curbside recycling. As of now I have not recycled since it's not convenient for me.

I'm saddened that this program was dropped. I was an avid recycler. But as a senior with health issues and being a caregiver it is not convenient for me to lift/haul, drive to another location to continue to recycle.

As a busy family of 5, it has not been practical to collect enough recyclables, load them in our vehicle and take them to a drop off site. It would become problematic having it all sit in our home. Now we have no choice but to throw it all away.

For everyone wanting to save the planet this has blown my mind. Please bring it back!!

Taxes are paid to provide this service. Help the environment.

We have not used the drop off service since it is reported as always being full. We are currently saving our aluminum for drop off at Chesapeake Animal Services but only after build up in the garage. We want home recycling services returned.

I think it is a terrible that Chesapeake does not provide recycling. We pay high taxes in Chesapeake and what we receive for it seems less comparable to surrounding cities.

The drop of sites don't include a lot of recycling materials and they are full often. Why not include items that can be profitable for the city?

Please reinstate curbside recycling! Many residents that recycled in the past no longer do so. That has surely increased the volume of trash collected and increased tipping fees. I also believe we could do a better job of educating residents on what is acceptable in the blue bins... Possibly, with a small flyer in city tax bills, or flyers at the rec centers and libraries. That can help ensure more efficient recycling.

Please bring curbside recycling back! Even though we pay a private service for recycling now, I miss the city service. I also believe it's an important service for any city to offer these days, even if citizens must pay.

I'd like to be able to recycle glass jars and bottles.

I would definitely use the city if they restarted the program.

Are used to recycle everything and was very disappointed when Chesapeake stopped the program.

Manage the money that are already paid in taxes by businesses and residents. Everyone has to allocate funds appropriately. It's no different for the city.

We already pay taxes that had included recycling. when it was stopped what happened to that money?

The recycling bins at the library site on Cedar Road filled up quickly, with the front section of the bins blocked by material so it was difficult to throw material in so it would reach the back of the bin. Both sides of the bins needed to be opened to fix that problem.

I will start to recycle when service starts up again.

Bring it back or most people won't recycle. We also have to wrap it in to other fees or people may opt out unfortunately.

I was an enthusiastic recycler when the service was provided by the city. Very careful not to include items that might contaminate the recyclables. But I'm not going to drive around with my recyclable trash looking for an empty bin because the city doesn't care enough to provide a reasonable alternative. I would go back to recycling if the city institutes curbside again, but only at a reasonable price for ALL residents, whether they recycle it not. In fact, charge them more as an incentive to participate.

Good day, Please provide more containers or additional pickup service. Overflowing containers deter people from using them.

If the city is to bring back recycling, which I hope and would be willing to pay for, then I'd like to see the following happen. 1. Just include the charge in with the HRUBS invoice. 2. Include, if possible, glass in the program. 3. For plastic I'd like to see not just plastic codes 1 and 2 like before but also include #5 as it's a popular plastic. Now if 3 and 4 could also be included that would be great. 4. Bring back the blue containers. 5. Make it VERY CLEAR to citizens that if they use the blue bins for trash they will a) get a warning the first couple of times and b) be fined (say \$25 for a first offense and rising if it continues) and c) termination from the program by removing their blue bin from their address. 6. Even though I answered that I'd pay \$6-10/month if the volume and contract issued (can other cities be consolidated to earn a better rate due to volume?) if the price could be a little lower that would be great. Thank You.

We have concerns about the drop off sites as we and others have observed standard garbage trucks making collections, not even the contracted GFL trucks.

I have a physical disability, on a fixed income, and live alone. It is a challenge for me to carry bins of recycling to a recycling site. Also, I can't afford to pay a private recycling company to come and pick up my recycling. When I recycle, I have about one bag's worth of garbage a week. Without recycling, I can have 3-4 bags of trash. With each bag of trash, I get upset that the city stopped recycling. I live alone. With households where there are 4 people or more, I know they must have three to four times (or more) the amount that I have. I see the overflowing trash cans on streets in my neighborhood. I think that it's a shame that we've gone back to putting that much trash out on the earth. Curbside recycling was something for which I was very proud of my city of Chesapeake, that we were making a

difference in helping to save our planet. I hope that we can go back to curbside recycling. "

The 11% food tax and real estate and personal property taxes we pay should more than pay for curbside recycling

Please reinstate curbside recycling. The convenience and access makes it possible for more to participate.

When recycling was picked up our household had more in the recycle bin than trash can.

Honestly, it is unbelievable that such a large, established city ended their recycling program. Frankly, it's embarrassing that I'm living in a city that doesn't do curbside recycling. I have lived in far less established, cities, and even THEY had recycling as a normal program. We shouldn't even have to ask if our city provides curbside recycling- it's expected nowadays. Every single environmental study explains the importance of recycling vs trash; this is not a new concept. How do we teach our children the importance of caring for the environment when our city doesn't care to set an example.

Drop off bins are routinely full and unable to accept more material.

We pay more than enough in taxes to cover any costs associated with curbside recycling.

Miss curbside recycling. Would be willing to pay at least \$5/month or more if more items could be recycled (glass). Appreciate the City revisiting this issue. Thanks

I would think the taxes citizens already pay would cover this service.

Recycling is critically important and I really hope the city bring this back to the residents. Recycling reduces the amount of waste sent to landfills, conserves natural resources and eliminates pollution. It is very disappointing that our leaders took this away. Please bring back recycling services.

I've lived in Deep Creek since 1999. I miss the Garbage Truck picking up my Blue Bin.

For a service that was previously included in the cost of city services I don't believe that we as residents should have to pay for this service as it is a city service. My family all recycled as we want to be mindful of our environment however do not have the extra time to take several trips to recycle drop off points. In my opinion it was the city's personal attempt to save the city money while still taxing its citizens for these services, with the amount of property taxes and other taxes that we pay as homeowners I feel that the city should negotiate contracts and bids with different companies in order to reinstate city recycling as it is more beneficial for the environment. As a resident of Chesapeake I feel as if that although it may cost the city to have bi-weekly recycling curbside service it would be more wear and tear on the regular curbside trash trucks that come and are now having to take more trash due to the utilization of both trash cans therefore shortening the time for them to have good time management and efficiency for weekly trash collection and therefore costing the city more. My personal opinion is to reinstate the curbside recycling at zero cost to the citizen or give the citizens a tax break for no longer providing the service to its residents.

I'm fortunate enough that the recycling drop off location is convenient for my family. I'm not sure if it's as convenient for other families though. I think

it's important to recycle as many products as possible. I would like to see the city restore the recycling program so that it is convenient for all families to do so. I feel like the City of Chesapeake took a step backwards when it ended curbside recycling. We must continue to move forward!

The city should refund residents the money that went to the recycle trash cans that was mandatory if they are not going to continue with recycling."

In todays society, curbside recycling should be a right for all Chesapeake residents, not a paid for privilege for those that can afford it. If City leaders are serious about preserving a green tomorrow for future generations of Chesapeake residents then I think they should be prioritizing green initiatives like curbside recycling in the cities annual budget.

Please bring back recycling.

I take care of a disabled husband and do not have much time to go to bins, much less have to return home with recyclables if bins are full. I can imagine the huge impact to our landfills with the additional waste. There seems to be much more litter in our areas over the past year, being dropped off in ditches. Other areas have noticed this trend as well. Glass is important to recycle and I know the manufacturers of Pyrex make use of them.

We miss the city recycling and never misses a pickup in the last 40 years here in Chesapeake

In the past, we recycled more than trash (usually half full by two weeks). To this day, I even clean out recyclables, and follow plastics guidelines (calling you out, Mayor West). Please bring back recycling for my peace of

mind. I would really hate to be a contributor to destroying our city and planet with trash.

The recycling was will needed and used by my family..

I am APPAULED at our City leaders for doing away with this service in the 1st place.. Many of my neighbors do not recycle or "think they are recycling because they STILL put recycled material in the blue bin ---since the blue bins are still being used as acceptable, they give the appearance of actual recycling being done. WE NEED to think of our future, if you are putting more homes & apartments, then you are thinking of the future for Chesapeake..but you are not taking care of our enviromentl and thus only thinking short-term as our youth WILL move away because of the toxicity, pollution, etc. On top o fall of that, HRgreen.org, who stated they were going to be pushing more education on what can & can't be recycled, what is used now and what isn't.. well, they really haven't done a good job. I work with students allover the Chesapeake, VA Beach, and Portsmouth area (ages 7-16) and they still do not know what is acceptable, what isn't (like that used pizza box), --AND even High School Students in Indian River, Oscar Smith & Deep Creek still don't recognize that Chesapeake doesn't recycle. (Great fact thou, those in elementary school (1st-4th) actually do know and they do care!! The City Leaders should actually have an assembly with the elementary school students --where the students are asked in advance what things they see that they want to fix in the areas around their home. You can LEARN a lot! BRING IT BACK!!

Please bring back curb side.

If you can't bring back curb side, please have the drop off sites accept glass

The drop-off containers are okay. I use the containers at the Hickory site

(Toll Station Road). It isn't very much by the locals. I might be one of the few people on my road that take their recycling to the containers. My elderly neighbors are able to take all of their recycling. They just put all their recycling in the trash. I've never seen the city recycling containers more than 30% full. Also, I can't understand why glass can't glass isn't recycled.

I think cities of our size should provide curbside recycling. I think there should be better monitoring of what people place in recycling bins.

AT THE START THE NUMBER OF CONTAINERS WAS LIMITED. ONLY 1 FOR ""MIXED"" AND IT WAS ALWAYS FULL. ONCE THEY ADDED A 2ND ""MIXED"" IT WAS MUCH EASIER. THE CONFUSION FACTOR COMES WITH THE ""CARDBOARD"" CONTAINERS. THE WAY IT IS WORDED SOUNDS LIKE THEY ARE TALKING ABOUT HEAVIER CARDBOARD RATHER THAN THE EVERY DAY CARDBOARD SUCH AS SODA CAN CARDBOARD. IF THE PLAN IS TO CHARGE FOR RECYCLING THEN WE ARE NOT LIKELY TO USE. I AM RETIRED MILITARY (30 YEARS) AND WE PAY TAXES ON ENOUGH THINGS. WE LIKE LIVING IN VIRGINIA. HOWEVER, THERE ARE MANY STATES WHO PROVIDE REDUCED TAX COSTS.

I am happy with the city drop off site. I do not want to pay any fees.

I have never had any problems at our site in Wester Branch.

With the increase in real estate values and therefore property taxes the city can well afford the recycling program!

With taxes and assessments going up I do not feel like I am receiving the benefits that I am paying for. On our short street there are 4 elderly widows,

6 retired couples, and 5 families still employed. We are being taxed out of our homes by a city that does not seem to care about the long term residents that have supported the city for over 30 years each. Meanwhile city council and the planning commission allow builders to run roughshod over us with overcrowding, insufficient infrastructure, and not enough schools.

Take the money spent on drop-off sites and apply to curbside. Or, add glass to drop-off sites since it can be recycled over and over.

Our trash has more than doubled without curbside recycling. Please bring back curbside recycling!

In the days when we are being pushed to "GO GREEN" I am very surprised that the City of Chesapeake has made it so hard to difficult to recycle now. With our taxes getting higher by leaps & bounds, it is hard to believe that the city can no longer afford to provide this service. It is extremely difficult for my husband and I, as seniors, to haul our recyclables to a city acceptance location.

Chesapeake we need to have curbside recycling back!!!

If we don't reinstate curbside recycling, we will pay later trying to build new landfills. The landfill by Bainbridge is rapidly growing. We have a responsibility to protect our environment. Curbside recycling should NEVER have been discontinued. It was NOT an either/or choice for public safety vs. environmental stewardship. I feel personally guilty taking recyclable materials and landfilling them.

I strongly support the return of curbside recycling. Glass especially needs to be kept out of our landfills. We should recycle everything we can.

The city recycling sites don't accept glass which is a drawback in my opinion. The site at the Chesapeake City park fills up very quickly as they don't have a large number of containers and only one person at a time can use that site.

The site on Albemarle drive has a large number of containers, but you have to either pull up to move things from your car or park a bit of a distance away and carry your items to be dumped in to the containers. This may be preventing older members of the community from recycling.

Chesapeake please bring back pickup. Let's help our city earn money selling our recycling materials. Thanks

Chesapeake needs to be conscientious for the future of our planet!

Our taxes are high enough and if I have to pay for recycling, then I do not want it. If being considered to pay for recycling then it's up to the home owner to recycle or not and if not then no charge to the individual home owner. The City of Chesapeake is taxing us to pieces and enough is enough.

Southern Chesapeake needs to concentrate on the various ball fields (baseball, football, soccer) for our children. Virginia Beach had it all over Chesapeake when it comes to spending money on youth sports. I'm not worried about recycling and cost, if Chesapeake was concerned then it should have never stopped. You have a handful of people crying over this and you react because they get into the ears of our mayor and city council. Spend money on youth sports. Go visit the SCAA Complex, they need our help worst than a damn bag of trash.

If recycling can't pay for itself then doesn't need to be a service. Those wanting to recycle will

I was already paying taxes before when the city had recycling. They stopped recycling and moved that money for salaries.

I would rather not have to pay a fee, but I think if a fee is necessary a small amount is fine. I was disappointed when I found out that curbside recycling was being discontinued. Hopefully we can get it started again.

We should recycle some things at least!

THIS SERVICE SHOULD BE PROVIDED TO THE CITIZENS OF CHESAPEAKE AS PART OF THE TAXES THEY PAY. RE-CYCLING IS A VERY IMPORTANT PART OF DOING WHAT WE CAN, AS MERE CITIZENS, TO MAKE A CHANGE FOR THE BETTER FOR OUR ENVIRONMENT AND FOR THE FUTURE OF CHESAPEAKE AND VIRGINIA AND THE WORLD. I DID PAY A PRIVATE COMPANY TO PICK UP MY RECYCLABLE TRASH UNTIL THEY COULD NO LONGER DO IT FOR A REASONABLE CHARGE. I THINK THIS SERVICE TO OUR CITY AND OUR CITIZENS SHOULD BE PART OF THE SERVICES PROVIDED BY OUR CITY THROUGH OUR TAXES. PLEASE PLEASE BRING BACK RECYCLING BY THE CITY...FOR US, FOR OUR CITY, FOR OUR COMMONWEALTH, OUR COUNTRY AND THE STATE OF OUR BEAUTIFUL WORLD AND WHAT WE WILL BE LEAVING OUR CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILDREN!

As a city I am appalled that you are not encouraging and supporting recycling like the rest of the world. The message that was sent was not a positive message to say that we are committed to a clean and purposeful community that is invested in a healthy future. I beg that we reinstate this for the future of Chesapeake.

I want to live in a city that cares about the environment. I understand that it costs money and I am willing to pay.

We had recycling as part of our trash fee, it should return to the same if reinstated. The city will be processing less trash if they reinstate recycling which will offset the costs to the city. "

Read / Heard the city revealed the drop off recycling cost 30% of what they were spending on the curbside program - great, except they were only collecting 10% as much as the curbside program, which simple math tells us they are now spending 3 times as much per pound. That means the decision to end the curbside program was CLEARLY unsound, from both a financial and environmental standpoint.

The reason that our household doesn't use the drop-off recycling is because we don't have a way to keep the materials at home prior to dropping them off. Our nearest drop-off point is nearby, at Deep Creek Locks Park, but the road leading back to the park can be difficult to turn left from as you're leaving. If it's rush hour (which starts between 2:30 and 3 pm on George Washington Highway), the traffic will back up, making it difficult to turn left to return home, so we would have to plan to drop recycling off when leaving the house and not needing to go back immediately.

We would have had no problems paying extra starting last year for the same service we were receiving at the time, but the city never offered citizens the chance to do that. Instead, they first told us that the contract was being ended because they didn't want citizens to have to pay more in their utility bills. Later, they changed it and said it was because we weren't doing it correctly - while at the same time, giving us the names and contact information for private companies, which costs more than what our bills would have been.

The City of Chesapeake should be ashamed of taking recycling away in the first place! So many residents were mad when recycling stopped. I'm glad this is being reconsidered!!!

Drop off location is available and has become easier to use with the addition of containers. The issue is not knowing when the containers would be emptied. If there were a provided schedule, it would assist in planning to use the drop off location when the containers are not as full.

We would love to see curbside recycling come back to Chesapeake. We never took anything to the city drop-off sites. At 70 yrs. old it was too much of a hassle. We always used the blue trash can. Please bring it back for the future of our planet.

I tried to recycle all items that was accepted into the city's recycle program. To help the environment, Chesapeake should definitely reinstate the recycling program. I am unable to use the drop-off sites due to my age (81) and caring for my husband with dementia. IMO, considering the rise of my real estate taxes, I think the program should be be be FREE.

The city of Chesapeake should continue to strive for a greener city. Reinstating the recycling program would be one step in this overall concept.

The citizens however need to ensure they do their part as well by only placing the proper items into their recycling collection containers. She trash or non-recyclable items are tossed in this collection bin, it wastes time and costs money to filter it out

I think it is ridiculous that the city is not recycling in today's day and age! It brings us back to the old days. I am ashamed of what the city did.

As long as this stuff is ACTUALLY getting recycled I'm all for it and I'm all for paying an additional bit to make it happen - if it's all BS and being sent to the landfill then that's .. well, that's BS and absolutely not.

We pay 11.00 a month but no glass. Have used the city site once or twice but not enough to have an opinion

It's difficult to say what fee I am willing to pay because recycling faces many challenges. Many of them falling on the household and their attention to what can and cannot be recycled. Don't want to pay a fee and have the recyclable end up in the landfill. Would like all plastics (#1-7) to be included for recycling. All were originally included at the drop off sites but were eliminated shortly. Why the change? Would like glass to be included in recycling and not to be ground up and spread over the landfill. Know there is not a close facility accepting glass and transporting it is expensive resulting in a higher monthly fee.

Very much miss curb side recycling and distraught each time I have to put a glass bottle/container in my trash. Thank you so much for revisiting this crucial issue for our community.

Our children must learn that recycling helps to create new products and have less thrown into landfills.

We live in the Eagle Pointe 55+ community. City services are not provided to us regarding garbage not even regulated city water. We have always recycled in Virginia Beach and at the Compostelo bins in Chesapeake. The city needs to start picking up our garbage and if and when recycling. We pay our taxes to the city of Chesapeake and our gates are open for entry 8 to 5 seven days a week.

The city of Chesapeake needs to continue with the recycling program. There's too much trash to continue to be put in landfills when so many items can be recycled and reused. Many of the residents have gotten used to recycling and now it's extremely hard to just throw everything away!

With the taxes we pay already, the city should be able to provide a curbside recycle pick up at no additional charge. If we do get curbside recycling back it may be helpful to send reminder information as to what materials are to be put in the recycle cans and what should not be put in the recycle cans.

Please bring back recycling!!

Bring it back. Protect the planet.

My wife and I lived in apartments for a few years not able to recycle. We were excited to purchase at home and be able to recycle, just turn around and find out that it was taken away after just a few months of owning the house. We use to only take our trash can every 2 weeks because we utilized recycling so much. Now it's every week that we can our brown trash can out. Sometimes the blue can that we still have has to be taken out.

Private recycling vendor's capabilities were completely oversold by the Chesapeake City Manager

Please bring back recycling. It feels so backwards for a city of this size to not recycle.

Please bring back curbside recycling! It is a hardship for my husband and I to take our recycling to the drop-off centers; much more so than cleaning

the products. If the concern is that things are being thrown into recycling bins that shouldn't be there, it could be beneficial to have extensive public education on what can be recycled and how to prepare it for recycling.

Compared to neighborhood cities, I feel we get much less for what we pay in fees and taxes. Recycling may not be a money maker but it is the right thing to do.

Please reinstate the curbside pickup and add the collection of glass. We have a modern city with some fine leaders. Failure to provide city wide curbside recycling is like going back in time - and not good for the city's image.

It is important for our family to help environmentally. The recycling is saving our earth.

Most of the materials slated for recycling go straight to the trash...I am not interested in paying a fee.

I wish the city drop off took glass. I hate to throw away glass items

Recycling is important

Please reinstate curb side recycling. It is burdensome to continue to pack the recycling into my vehicle. I recycle 3 times more than my garbage. Please give Chesapeake citizens the opportunity, even for a fee, to have curb side. We need it now! Thank you

Recycling is important and curbised recycling makes it easier for everyone to recycle.

I think recycling should be offered by every city and it's ridiculous that ours did away with it. I'd be willing to pay more than \$5 a month if necessary.

I already pay a storm drain fee and my property floods. We already pay the highest real estate taxes in the area. I pay a huge sum of money to just own personal property. Go pack sand with your recycling fee!!!!

We pay enough in taxes that getting rid of all of our garbage should be covered. We take care of our own water & septic. There should be an allowance made because of that. And while I at it, we should not have to pay the stormwater tax.

I would just like to know why glass is not accepted at the drop off locations. We are trying to cut single use plastic out of our home, so we have turned to glass as an alternative. Between that and having to take the recycling to the location ourselves, while still paying for trash pick up (which used to include recycling), it just doesn't seem worth it. "

By not making recycling convenient, even at a low cost, I see most of my neighbors using their blue bin for trash. This means that our landfills are filling up even faster. Has the city addressed what will happen when our current landfills are at capacity? No one wants a landfill in their backyard. By bringing back curbside recycling, we can not only work towards keeping our environment clean but recycling is a source of jobs in a community. Recycling plants, the manufacture of recycled products and the creation of recycling-related materials like recycling bins all contribute to job growth in the economy. I would also like to see a broader education program implemented so people know exactly what can and cannot be recycled. I am willing to pre-sort our recycling if it makes it easier to decrease contamination leading to recyclable materials going in a landfill. Recycling is expensive but my family is willing to pay to have curbside recycling.

Recycling is not without its drawbacks but we have a responsibility to protect our environment for future generations.

The city is still collecting the same amount of items but now the potential recyclables are just be handled as regular trash. Chesapeake is making no effort to become a more sustainable city.

You talk about wanting a cleaner city, bring back curbside recycling.

We have looked see real times at private services. The price points were doable.

Other city's pass the fee onto their residents whether or not they recycle. There are many other fees, taxes, etc that residents are expected to pay despite not using other service. I don't think recycling is any different.

I should not have to pay anything, the amount of taxes already being collected should cover it but no more than \$10 a month.

Our taxes never seem to be used for services they are allocated for, but you already know that, and yet they continue to raise.

This very much hits a nerve for another tax we pay, storm water, like I can control the rain.

I think it was ridiculous that the program was ever stopped, because you found something else to spend the money on, now you want to reinstate recycling and raise taxes again.

Lastly, when we recycled through the city, we rarely filled the brown can, but the blue recycle bin was always packed, many times after the first week.

We need to recycle! It's our children that will pay the price if we don't.

Waste water cost is ridiculously high, why not reallocate money to pay for recycling? Monitor crews used for city projects for efficiency, not over paying for employees to watch others work. Utilize non-violent inmates for appropriate jobs.

I find it absolutely INSANE that the city can find money to put religious bumperstickers on city vehicles for hundred of thousands of dollars but NOT the money to run a recycling program. If raises needed to be given to police, then RAISE TAXES--not cut services! The audacity of the city to charge extra for such a service is egregious however it seems the city is not for making thing simple and having a small tax increase--they are going to make it an a la carte option that only some will participate in making it a HIGHER cost for those who chose to do the right thing for the planet and the local landfill. Sick of politicians looking to say they don't raise taxes and making terrible choices just to hold that political stance.

For a city so focused on raising taxes for little benefit of the people living and paying taxes here, to take away recycling was a blunder of epic proportions. Let's try to advance vs going in reverse and use the tax dollars to help environmentally friendly causes for our future.

Chesapeake we need to keep recycling to keep our landfills free of non biodegradable stuff from just staying around. Use what we can. But I think this should be paid from our city taxes

Recycling is performed by MOST cities across the country/world. I believe it is important

I am willing to pay more, however what is happening with the money we have already been paying without a curbside recycling program?! Chesapeake is truly a regressive city. It's insane. Eventually the overcrowded schools will not be enough of a draw to get families to come and live here.

Needs to include glass and never leave us hanging again. The dishonesty of the city in leaving more than a month's worth of recyclables is wrong on all levels. We don't treat our house that way and we expect the city to live up to their agreements as well. Thank you.

Drop off sites are inaccessible to people with disabilities. Not everyone can drive or can carry recyclables, and for the city to take away a basic, common city service while still charging outrageous taxes shows how little this city actually cares for its residents.

It's terrible that it was discontinued and we need to save the earth if we can. We have a responsibility to recycle, but why put that duty directly on the citizens with no plan from the city? It's not progressive or encouraging. We can do better Chesapeake. Let's tackle this!

It is my hope that enough environmentally friendly citizens of Chesapeake are willing to "pony up" a few bucks a month to reinstate the city's program. Come on citizens, give up ONE Starbuck\$ for to offset the cost of recycling. I know that our city council members have a challenge ahead and I hope they are up for the task of getting this back to right. This may or may not help, but 3 of my immediate neighbors may not reply here, but we have talked about this and they agree that bringing it back and us paying a few extra dollars per month is cool.

Rather hard for us to gather our recyclables in several containers and travel to a recycle center. And unfortunately it does not take glass. I feel glass is one of the best items to recycle.

I am appalled that a city of the size and reputation of Chesapeake no longer provides recycling pick up for its citizens. I have been a homeowner in Chesapeake for over 30 years and previously lived in Va. Beach. It seems that Chesapeake has regressed, rather than progressed, in what continues to be a world-wide initiative. When I tell others that my city does not perform residential recycle pick up they are very surprised. I would be very much in favor of having our great city reinstate recycle pickup. Perhaps there are imaginative ideas that focus groups can provide that will assist in exploring ways to bring this service back to the citizens.

We need to start recycling back. Our city took a big step backward by stopping this program. What are we teaching our children ? At least find a way to start some recycling back"

I had been recycling for 30 years so I was disappointed when it stopped in Chesapeake. New to area so don't know where the drop off recycled are located. Hopefully it will be considered to have it reinstated.

Older home owner don't have additional funds to pay for recycle especially with my property taxes going up.

I think doing away with curbside recycle was a mistake. People are not welcome lying to put trash in their cars and take it to a recycle center. Recycle helps make less waste in our landfill

I like the drop off sites. They're clean and easily accessible. I do wish they accepted glass too though.

When doing curbside, it was very convenient, but I know a lot of citizens just used their recycle cans as trash cans contaminating everything that was picked up.

I would be willing to pay a small monthly fee for recycling, as long as glass is also included. Currently I deposit my glass recyclables in a friend's bin in Virginia Beach or Portsmouth.

As a city, state, country, we need recycling. I see more bad than good every day if we don't.

With the city now upping the storm water fee and doing absolutely nothing to fix the storm water problem, I definitely don't want to pay extra for recycling!

Why should a fee be charged? To go backwards is ridiculous. Driving to the recycling area is a chore and too much work. I feel bad throwing away recycling, but I don't have the time or energy to drive and drop it off.

our city/county taxes have already increased despite no city-provided recycling service.

We pay enough in personal property tax, sales tax, restaurant tax, etc. that should sufficiently cover the cost of recycling.

All of the recyclable items that are going into the land fill will fill up the current location. The city will have to find a new location. This will cost the city more than if the city had continued to recycle.

Thought we were already paying a fee with our trash collection

If I understand them correctly, the drop sites the city provided are pathetic!

I don't support reinstating the recycling program if the cost exceeds the revenue to pay for it. It should be a net zero (costs vs revenue).

curbside recycling is more convenient, but we recycle just as much using the drop-off sites. We used these sites before the city started curb-side recycling years ago. We wish the current drop-off sites took glass as well.

We used to be good recyclers. However, the drop off centers aren't convenient for us. When paid services first were talked about, I thought I'd be willing to pay \$5-10. But then they were nearly double if I remember correctly. We took the recycle to a drop off for a bit, but it just takes too much time. So now the only recycling we do is aluminum cans to the Humane Society on Military because we can drop the bag and leave.

We already pay enough in taxes. This should be covered by what we already pay. We r taxed on everything.

Retired and on a fixed income, with all the increases over the past 2 years, especially with real estate tax, personal property and the current increase in storm water for Chesapeake another fee to Chesapeake is not sustainable. I currently pay the city over \$6,000.00 annually. Once I'm old and unable to get to a recycle center I will be forced to just put in the trash.

I desperately want curbside recycling back. Personally I want it back because although we still recycle, we don't go to the drop off sites as frequently so the products pile up and clutter our garage. More importantly, as a large city we should be doing more for sustainability and to make this a place our children want to stay as they grow.

The fact that they discontinued recycling service in order to pay salaries is appalling.

With the increased property assessments and corresponding increase in tax revenues, a curbside recycling program should be reinstated with no associated fees.

Why don't you "leaders" take a year with no raise and hire some help so us small people can help save the environment

I used to use a private company to recycle, but they had to increase costs and became unreasonable - \$100. per month. I did like using the private company as I was able to recycle the tetra packs as well as mailers (with label cut out) as well as other previous non-recyclables with the past city pickup. It should be stressed that items should be washed and prepared for recycle in the proper manner. I look forward to curbside recycling being returned!

I still recycle my cardboard but because of the inconvenience I don't recycle anything else. I'd like to be able to recycle glass, tin, and paper in a convenient manner again. Since most plastic is not recyclable I'd be ok with that being excluded. I would also be happy to separate my recyclables or whatever it takes to streamline the process on the other end.

Need curbside recycling reinstated. We are just throwing away good recycling products.

I pay all my taxes and fees according to my city requirements. I even pay a tax on my dog who is never allowed outside my fenced yard!

I don't pay property tax so I am unable to pay for a fee for curbside recycling.

We pay taxes already and recycling should be included at no cost. Need glass recycling especially

Don't think there should be a charge given the amount of taxes that are paid and other cities in the area do not charge either.

With the pervasiveness of single use plastics and increasing plastic pollution in our waterways and wildlife, it is atrocious that our city leaders voted to hamstring one of the best tools to combat this plague. Bring curbside recycling back now!

When I had my recycle can they were both of them were full every week. I'm really having a hard time throwing recycled items in the trashcan.

Chesapeake is a growing city with growing taxes, there is no reason we do not have curbside recycling. Especially considering the main recycling center is centered out of Chesapeake. It is irresponsible of Chesapeake not to recycle. If it is a matter of people not recycling the correct items, limit what can be recycled, for example, limit to only aluminum, paper and cardboard.

I do know many people did not follow the rules of recycling and threw in plastics that were not authorized by the city, threw in pizza boxes, did not rinse materials. So perhaps simplifying is the key.

If you truly want to keep Chesapeake beautiful bring back free recycling to all those who live in the city. We pay taxes every year. Roads haven't been maintained and you took away recycling. To give raises to employees and that's not our job to do.

The city of Chesapeake should have conducted a survey similar to this one before cancelling curb side recycling.

Please bring back curbside recycling. We are doing a disservice to the environment and our planet's future by not making recycling more accessible.

I am driving my glass all over the region to be recycled. We need effective glass recycling locally. I'm now actively purchasing less items that come in recyclable materials if they cannot be processed locally (eg, less drinks in glass bottles).

Please bring recycling back. It's embarrassing that we got rid of it in the first place.

It was part of our taxes for over thirty+ years that I have been here and it still should be! The taxes keep going up and the up and services keep going down.

Having curbside recycling is also important to kids because they learn what types of Materials can be recycled and took responsibility for taking those materials to the blue bin to be recycled. Girls and Boys Scouts talk about recycling in their programs and discuss proper disposal of such materials and why it is important for the environment to recycle. My daughter asked me 'why our city no longer cared about the environment?' when the program was discontinued. She has been recycling in the blue bin since she was very young and I am a big recycler and taught her very early. It needs to be required benefit in every city. That's what we pay taxes for.....not to give raises to city council people who make these types of decisions without asking the residents it will affect. It can't be that hard

To figure out a way to make this work.....if it is.....Maybe we need new leadership.

Considering the amount that our taxes have increased over the past few years, and the city services that have been discontinued, I'd like to know where all that extra money is going to. All our taxes have increased at an exponential level as well as the fee we pay for stormwater, all while things such as recycling is being discontinued. It does make one wonder where that money is being used.

We also are having increased building of houses, with all the trees being cut down. The one thing that is obvious is that the City that cares, doesn't care about the environment or the future of that environment for future generations."

More recyclables are being added to household trash cans. "

Bring back the recycling program in 2023

We used to recycle everyday until the program ended. We had every

intention to do so by either finding the City drop-off locations or looking into the pay-for private services. However, we just don't have to time separate our recycles and take them to the drop-off centers as well as we haven't have to time to compare the pay-for private services.

We would've gladly paid for the curbside services, even though their services were declining.

If Chesapeake were to reinstate curbside recycling with the same (prior) company, they should have them get ahold of their customer service and pick-up schedule (I understand weather/holiday delays, but our can would sometimes take 3-4 days to get picked up).

Everyone seems to indicate we should recycle to help protect the environment, animals and ultimately the Earth. I agree. However, you want to charge a fee to do this. Dont know about you, but I live the Earth - it's where I'm from. Dont you want to take care of the Earth? If so, reinstate curbside recycle pick up. This will also provide jobs to those in need of one.

Our taxes didn't go down when we lost the recycling program why should they charge to bring it back.

I hate to see all my recycling go in the trash. It is very convenient to separate recycling and have someone come pick it up. Please bring it back.

Your city drop off sites need to include glass and batteries. Bring back curbside recycling.

Cut welfare spending to implement recycling.

The drop-off site is nice but doesn't accept glass. I use the drop-off site but I notice many neighbors are not recycling. I would like to see it return to Chesapeake.

Why should we pay when you are getting a lot more money because of the extra money from our home taxes.

If you do not reinstate curbside recycling, your drop off locations need to include glass and batteries

Please bring back curbside recycling!

Glass is now thrown away since it costs me money to have it recycled. It made up about 30% of our recycled material when we had curb side recycling. City Park location has gotten too full. City Hall location after increasing the number of containers is adequate, but don't wait until Sunday Recycle there.

Chesapeake should not only bring back curbside recycling but also expand it. We should be willing to pay for this service. But there has to be transparency in order for residents to see their dollars are actually doing what they are meant to.

There is not really an alternative. Until people are willing to reduce their waste, recycling is the only way to care for our environment.

Thank you for reconsidering.

The city needs to get its act together as curbside recycling should have never been stopped in the first place. This is what happens what you put

the responsibility in a vendor. In the end it's cost more than it's saved in the first place.

Recycling is an important part of waste management and it helps reduce the amount of waste that goes into landfills. Recycling can help save energy and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

What we need, IMOP, is creative thinking on the part of the city. EPR programs support the adoption of well-designed, effective, efficient, and equitable recycling policies. EPR policy supports local programs by requiring companies that produce materials to fund recycling programs. There's a bounty of information on recyclingpartnership.org. While the commonwealth only has 2 EPR laws on the books currently Chesapeake could become a leader in the state by embracing it.

There are many community recycling programs that are working well nationwide. For example, according to a survey conducted by the Sustainable Packaging Coalition of nearly 2,000 community recycling programs, access to glass beverage container recycling is at 81% nationwide.

The US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is working to build an economy that keeps materials, products, and services in circulation for as long as possible, what's known as a "circular economy." Recycling programs are managed at the state and local level.

<https://www.gpi.org/community-recycling> <https://www.epa.gov/recycle>
<https://www.generalkinematics.com/blog/ideas-starting-local-community-recycling-programs/> <https://nextrex.com/view/programs>

We are a family of 5. When we moved here, our house had one recycle bin. We purchased a second, and both bins were normally full for most bi-

weekly pickups. Now, all that material goes to the trash. I was disappointed to see recycling disappear. I understand the limitations, but didn't feel like the city prioritized it enough. Im glad to see it's being revisited.

I will happily pay whatever is charged. This issue is really important.

Wish there was some way to recycle glass

I knew from the first time I moved to Great Bridge in 1987, the existing recycle program was a disaster, example recycle container at GB Middle School on Mt Pleasant. Your curb side service solved those issues from back then. However, until all residents are onboard with How To Recycle Properly, you will have the same problems as with the previous curb side service, people do not prepare their recyclable material correctly. I walk my neighborhood and many times found the recycle bin filled with trash in plastic bags overfilling the container, yard waste, vegetable cans not cleaned laying on the ground and more. If you reconsider the curb side recycle once more then find a way to properly inform ALL the residents how to prepare the recycle materials. If you do not inform everyone and enforce it, then you might as well keep it as is. Then you need to be prepared to acquire more landfill acres, continually clean up around the recycle collection areas (cardboard, newspaper and other), treat recycle collection area for varmints as they go after the food remaining in the cans, etc, etc. Just my 2 cents.

We purchased an additional bin and used both of the recycling bins and had very little garbage to be picked up. I don't see why we should have to pay for this service as other cities in our area do not. Thanks for considering to bring back this vital service to our city.

I would love to see the recycling program come back to Chesapeake. I

would be willing to pay an annual fee to the city for services to return instead of having to use Recyclops.

When the program first ended, we attempted to drop off at the collection stations to find them perpetually full or things stacked around them making them impossible to use. The lack of a recycling program is a huge step backward for a city this size. We should be looking for ways to make recycling easier, more accessible, and ultimately using recycled and renewable resources in city buildings.

I thought the city was already collecting a fee for recycling in our taxes. Did we get a break on our taxes when the program stopped? Would I be paying a fee over and above the amount already being collected in city taxes? I am not willing to pay an "additional fee", more than is already being collected.

Bring back curbside recycling. Accept, and find a market for glass.

In a multi billion dollar budget, a few million dollars should not be a problem. PRIORITIES!

I understand finances may have been the catalyst for cancelling the curbside recycling program; however, recycling is too important to our future. There were no other options where I live, at least none of which I am aware. Recycling is important to the health of our community, wildlife, and waterways. Please reconsider bring back this service.

Please bring back curbside recycling! We are throwing so many more things away now than we did before. So bad for the environment!"

The program is too convenient to not use. Please bring it back.

Let's do our part to keep the city, state, country and planet on a sustainable road. Please reinstate curbside recycling. Thank you!

I am unwilling to pay any additional money from what was previously included in our city services. If additional fees are to be applied, then residents should be offered an opt out option to avoid another fee.

Additionally, a clear and concise report should be made available to residents on the positive impact that reestablishing a curb side recycling program. This should include environmental impact, cost, etc...

Having to load up my car and drive to a recycling place and then can't use my actual recycling plastic bag to drop off in the bins is not acceptable. Which are made specifically for recycling but drop off site does not want plastic bags of any type to be there. Very annoying and also can not recycle glass at drop off locations.

These recycling companies ARE BEING PAID AND HAVEN'T BEEN RECYCLING. YOU SHOULD SUE THEM AND GET THE MONEY BACK TO PARTIALLY PAY FOR THIS SERVICE. THEY MADE MONEY off these services, I don't understand why they think it's appropriate to double-dip. We think, in the interest of keeping trash off the streets and curbs and gutters, the city - who has raised our real estate values RIDICULOUSLY high this, and has targeted to do the same next year, needs to absorb these fees and suck it up. We, as taxpayers, have had to suck it up for years without recourse to keep our taxes lower. I am very upset at how the city wastes my tax dollars and never responds to complain or, if they do, responds inappropriately. So, for the record, the CITY SHOULD PROVIDE RECYCLING SERVICES FREE AS WAY TO DO THEIR PART FOR OUR ENVIRONMENT. PERIOD.

I would really appreciate curbside recycling to return, I wouldn't mind

paying a small amount monthly or quarterly to supplement the cost but cannot cover the full cost of a private service. It is a shame to see so many items that can be recycled simply thrown away; however, at this point in life we do not have space to collect recyclables until we can make it to a recycling drop off center, so we do not recycle at all.

After moving from a city where drop off sites were the only option, it was so wonderful to move to Chesapeake and have curbside recycling. We took advantage of it to its fullest, and I highly support bringing it back. It was a wonderful resource, and so easy to do. I think a lot of people have stopped recycling since the curbside recycling program has been done away with. Please consider bringing it back!

Bring it back and provide more recycling weekends for electronics and other materials like paint cans and other non disposable liquids

The City of Chesapeake has no business to force us into a service we don't want. Present system works. You can pay a vendor or drop off recycles at certain places. There is no market for recycles. Past practices by the city show the recycling plan accepted by the city was a waste of taxpayers money and very poorly management. Leave things along. It was voted on and rejected.

bring it back

Providing recycling pickup should be a must for every community. A lot of people will not recycle without this service. It simply is unacceptable.

Curbside recycling is an essential resource that should not only be reinstated but EXPANDED. The local job potential it brings and the good

publicity. Look to Roanoke and beyond for their recycling programs and how they make things work even without curbside!

we need recycling back for our future

While I understand not everyone chooses to recycle, I believe the option is important. The more trash that goes to landfill that could have been recycled is upsetting. It is frustrating when I live not five streets away from the Virginia Beach city line and my neighbors get the recycling picked up while I do not have that option. If the option to keep the original blue container was there that would be great, we would also be willing to purchase a new recycling container.

We were paying for this service through taxes. What happened to that money?

Please bring recycling back if you have a place that can actually recycle the contents and not have it go back in the landfill. Thanks much.

Seniors have trouble getting around, so curyside would be very helpful.

It's a shame as large as Chesapeake is, we're the only city in the region without curve side service. Shame on us or the powers to be.

I really am disappointed that glass is not able to be recycled and multiple times we have tried to drop our recycling at a city drop site and the dumpsters are full.

It's 2023 and we don't have a recycling program? Way to take us back to the dark ages. Bring it back ASAP!"

With the current rate of construction and the rise in property tax, I feel as if the least the city can do is bring back curbside recycling even if it incurs a minimal charge. Additionally, recycling is necessary for the sustainability of our planet.

Save our planet

I'm already paying taxes which are going up! We are a major city and it is unconscionable we do not have pick up recycling. Further I have seen city trucks picking up from overflowing recycle containers to take the material to the landfill according to the operators of the truck. We spent tax payer money to have "In God we Trust" put on all city vehicles yet we are not taking care of God's earth.

I would like to see it reinstated - it's awful the city got rid of the program. More people would recycle. And bring the glass return bottles back!

Bring back curbside recycling

Sometimes the cheapest thing to do is not the right thing to do. I will gladly pay for the convenience of curbside

I see no reason to bring back curbside recycling. The materials do not get effectively recycled and there is no reason to send around two sets of trucks.

I am a 78 year old resident of Chesapeake. I have recycled since my children were small. I am limited in my ability to walk, so I cannot go to a drop off place. Now everything goes in the trash. Cost is always an issue

because of my fixed income, but I understand the difficulties and the expense of recycling.

If the landfills become full faster because the recycle material is now included, isn't it going to cost the city more to have to buy new land to put a landfill on than it does to just pay for recycling?"

Chesapeake, please reinstate the recycling program even if glass isn't part of the program.

Chesapeake need to bring back curbside. We recycled nearly 80% of our waste. More glass than anything.

A citizen minded city should offer services even with a fee to keep promoting growth for family's and businesses. Do it right not half assed

Chesapeake bring back recycling. The drop off zones especially at the library are disgusting, smelly for the library and attract pests which encourages them to infest the library which isn't fair. The containers are not picked up enough. I'm not continuing to put trash in my car. MANY people used the curbside recycling. Using the excuse that people don't use it is a fat lie. Bring it back please. Regular trash pick up is being overrun.

When we had recycling, our trash can was only half full every week, with the occasional 75% full. Never stuffed full. Now, without recycling our trash can is full every week. We are just one household. I can only imagine all the recycles filling up and adding to the landfill. It's very sad. E do not have the space to hold recycles to then transport them to drop off sites, or the containers to do that with.

Recycled religiously. When the City quit, I quit. No more.

I personally loved that the city of Chesapeake had the recycling program because helping in taking care of our environment is very important to myself and my family. Anything we can do to help our planet is important to myself and a lot of people. Thank you.

It's sad we aren't teaching our next generation to recycle.

I understand why Chesapeake ended their program, it made fiscal sense because of where the recyclables we're ending up. How does Norfolk and VB do it? Are they in the same boat that Chesapeake was? Virginia should have a tax like the New England states do, per bottle/can, etc.

<https://www.mass.gov/regulations/301-CMR-400-provisions-for-recycling-of-beverage-containers-bottle-bill>

That will help part of the problem. Perhaps it would give folks incentive to clean up the city/state. Thanks!

Did the city missmanage the budget. We've lived here over 20 years and our recycling has changed multiple times without our input. You keep authorizing new communities without a workable recycling program to collect ALL recyclable items. Disappointed in city leadership.

If the city returns to curbside recycling, they must ensure that the company selected has the ability and infrastructure to sort a single-stream recycling program.

Bring back city recycling!

Please bring back recycling. We are doing a disservice to our community and children by not looking after our waste. As a military member, when

we retire we want to stay in Chesapeake, however feel strongly enough about recycling, that a lack of it in our community may drive us to move elsewhere to a location that does.

I would love to have recycling (curbside) back. I feel guilty every time I throw something away that could be recycled...

We put out more recycling than we did trash. We were very concerned with making sure that the items placed were acceptable for recycle. It's a shame that they took it away.

I only support this if a business case analysis supports it. In other words, if there is no market for recyclables then they should continue to go in the trash. I don't want to pay for a meaningless feel-good solution to a non problem.

Thank you.

Eliminating curbside recycling, a conditioning practice accepted over decades, and done without community involvement, at a time when real estate taxes have skyrocketed, demonstrates how out of touch the city manager and city council are with the citizenry.

Please reinstate curbside recycling

I would love recycling back in Chesapeake, even if we need to pay a nominal fee.

Chesapeake, I would love if you reinstated the curbside recycling. Not having it feels like we are regressing as a city instead of progressing. I

would also like you to consider adding curbside food waste pick up. It would really help the environment.

Chesapeake Please return to recycling

Our household does not wish to return curbside pickup and do not want to be charged for this service. "

I'd be willing to pay more if glass were included.

It's a travesty the City got rid of this program! We are regressing instead of progressing. I understand the budget is tight, but cutting this program was not the right call.

I will not vote any council member who doesn't find this program a necessity.

I am willing to pay a fee for curbside recycling. I want to be assured materials are being recycled also

Recycling should be taught in the schools from the earliest age, and students should see their family participate in this activity.

Not convinced there is any reason to recycle if it is shipped to an overseas company that dumps it in the ocean. Or that it saves energy after all the processing it has to go through.

I would be willing to pay for my recycling with the city if they would take more than #1 and #2. Currently through the private service that I'm paying for, #1 - #7 is acceptable which means I recycle more items.

Chesapeake this should be included with what we pay in property taxes. I'm not advocating raising taxes but I'm sure there's bureaucratic stuff you can cut/trim to make this work.

Please bring it back

taxes are already too much, I'll throw my recyclables in the trash before I pay for what should be provided by the city. I suggest starting a deposit program for bottles and cans, people will be more acceptable of that, some folks will go around and pick up bottles and cans that are just litter.

Recyclops is the private service we use and it as been great. If the city ever explored partnering with them, I would endorse it.

I utilize the Deep Creek park recycle drop off which is well maintained and has adequate containers now

I would like to know why glass is no longer being recycled

I would like to know how much money the city saved this past year since curbside recycling was dropped

Recycling should be part of the price we already pay for trash disposal

It's embarrassing driving down the street on trash day and seeing containers packed full of cardboard that are going in landfills. It's embarrassing for the city. We.

City of Chesapeake needs to be pro active in making recycle available instead of street sweeping which is ridiculous. Make our city be on the map

as a conscious earth caring city. Also B caraway is not running RealEstate dept AT ALL. Take her Income apply towards recycling. WAY better use of my money after all the Citizens of Chesapeake we are your Employee. Just telling it like it is

With rising real estate taxes, the City of Chesapeake should be providing this service as part of waste management. "

While the private service is good to have, it's not the same. We are also limited on the amount we can recycle. Before we had a full city trash can sized container, now we're limited to about four garbage bag sized bags for the same time frame. We have piles of cardboard in the garage waiting for us to take to the local drop off that is just one more thing to remember. The city recycling also encouraged more people to participate and help make things at least a little better.

Recycling benefits all as we don't have overflowing trash sites, and helps make more recycled multi use items by manufacturers, and lastley teaches our children's that we all can do it together. It should be fully funded as our taxes are higher than other areas and was in place for years already. Taxes increase but things getting cut makes no sense. Also if funds are made traffic cameras that send out tickets at the intersection of George Washington highway and Moses grandy by the 7-11 as hundreds of cars run that light daily.

I feel guilty for not recycling but it is too much of an inconvenience to store and drop off my recyclables at a recycling location.

Assuming that recycling adds approximately 1/3 more volume to current trash disposal, SPSA tipping fees and additional trips of packer garbage trucks to SPSA transfer stations, are likely to reduce/ eliminate any cost savings for not recycling.

Chesapeake should bring back recycling as it was. The cost should be worth saving the environment

We have used Happy Planet Recycling for about a year. They charged \$25 for a twice monthly pickup. Glass was \$5 extra. They were reliable but required us to put everything in clear bags & leave it by our curb overnight. This is unsightly & attracted pests. On April 1st, they sent us an email terminating our service as of March, no warning. We would greatly appreciate paying for City recycling!

I'm a big proponent of recycling and how not recycling affects our environment. In a neighborhood of 20 homes, we are the only household who recycles after the City stopped its service. They're just putting everything in the trash and using the blue bin as well for trash, so now the City garbage trucks are having to collect 2 cans per household which to me is more wear and tear on the equipment.

It angers me that City officials authorized 100% payment for the recycling for over 30 years and didn't have the vision to ensure it's sustainability without somewhere along the line instituting a small fee for residents.

If the City of Chesapeake is truly "a City that Cares" they'll reinstate recycling for our young residents' future."

I don't have the proper vehicle to drop off recycling and can't afford a private service. But the majority of our garbage is recyclable. "

This is what my tax dollars shouted taking care of.

Recycling is important for many reasons, and Chesapeake should restart

curbside recycling using resources it already collects. You can't tell me there aren't efficiencies that can be made within the City of Chesapeake government, or luxuries that that would equal the cost of running the program.

Should that effort be a non-starter, then adding more recycling drop off locations would be needed."

My Property taxes are \$13,000 annually My Stormwater fees are \$40 biannually My personal 2 vehicle fees are \$608 annually My pet fees are \$16 annually I am fed up with paying MORE Chesapeake fees.....

Recycling should not be an added fee. Make it part of the money we already fork over to Chesapeake..."

I would really like to see recycling come back. We have so many items that could be recycled, especially cardboard boxes. Thank you.

Due to being handicapped we are unable to use the drop off sites and having curbside pickup would be helpful and beneficial to us and the city

Our city needs to figure this out, otherwise the city is being irresponsible. Yet, I do know that residents did not pay attention to the guidelines. So the city needs to do a better job of informing and educating the recyclers.

I would like the city to reinstitute the recycling program s d we are willing to pay a fee for it

Resuming the recycling program is the responsible and most accessible option.

I currently use the drop off sites and am happy that this service is available. I would prefer curbside.

The city park location Mixed bin seems to always be overflowing, so I travel a little further to the central library that has a larger capacity.

The signage is confusing for which cardboard that should go in the mixed bin vs. Corrugated cardboard that has a dedicated bin. I notice people putting all the brown paper board in the corrugated bin.

Love that you accept more than plastic 1&2, but disappointed that glass is not accepted.

Citizens aren't going to recycle unless you make it convenient. All this recyclable material is just ending up in the dump. One of the things I loved about living in Chesapeake is the ability to recycle on a fixed income so any additional payments are a problem. I do believe in recycling and have always tried to abide by the recycling guidelines. It upsets me to see the guidelines ignored and items in the bins at my drop off site that aren't recyclable at this time. My daughter lives in a condo building and sees the same situation. She reaches in and removes incorrect items to the trash! A friend is currently staying in Japan and recycling is strictly adhered to. Here we throw trash out on the street and don't seem to care about the environment or anything. A different mindset than how I was raised.

Please bring back recycling

The drop off site we use by the city buildings is clearly labeled and for the most part clean. The only reason why I don't like the drop off sites is how

inconsiderate the other citizens can be while driving through. If pickup returns I'll be much happier because it will be less time we have to spend lugging our recycle trash to a drop off site.

I would like to see a plastic bag fee at all stores. This would encourage people to use cloth bags.

As a community we should be recycling. You cannot expect residents to store sticky cans and cardboard trash at the house until they can drive it to recycling center. I don't buy the budgeting excuse. The growth in Chesapeake is ridiculous and all those new property taxes, etc certainly provides new city income.

It is also a good idea to provide battery bags that we can place beside trash can when full. This was how old batteries were collected in PA. The special disposal hours are impossible for busy people."

Please include glass recycling.

I would be willing to pay for curbside recycling.

I don't understand why there is this bias against recycling but we are perfectly fine to pick up trash without charging for it. That trash goes to a landfill, which is such a short-sighted means of waste disposal, in so many ways. Even if recycling isn't profitable, the intangible benefits versus landfills make recycling much wiser. Let's rekindle a value for recycling so we have less of our land fouled by our trash!

I do not believe the citizens of Chesapeake should incur any additional costs for this service. We had this service for quite some time without any fees before, I believe that we have been paying enough taxes and other

charges to live in Chesapeake now. Now the way the economy is, everyone is paying more for everything else and should not be subjected to more costs to our families.

Thank you

Please bring it back!!!!

Please bring back curbside recycling!

I have always been an avid recycler. I came from New Jersey where it was a requirement, with fines attached for non- Compliance. In a world where so many are concerned about Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, I was extremely disappointed that Chesapeake abandoned curbside pickup, having to realize that most people were just going to take the easy road and throw it all away. I currently take all my cans to Chesapeake animal services and, being a bit older, I also am throwing things away that I know I should be recycling. Please bring it back!!! I am willing to pay, just like I do for stormwater treatment. Why was I not given that option when this decision was initially made?

Eliminating curbside recycling was probably one of the most short sighted decisions the council has ever made.

Definitely in favor of reinstating the recycling program and willing to pay to do so. Our "throw-away" society is. Ot responsible enough to recycle without a progrM in place.

Although willing to pay for recycling we paid for recycling before and when the city cancelled it, we never saw and adjustment in our bill.

Recycling is the RIGHT thing to do.

I live in Edinburgh and we do not have a well located drop spot.

Chesapeake does not have enough drop off locations to meet the needs of the community. Lack of glass recycling is also very bad. We are a modern, vibrant community that should be recycling.

We recycled before and it was working fine. We would do it again for a reasonable fee that could be added to our HRUBS Bill each time. All of the other cities in Hampton Roads do this and I never understood why the leaders of our city couldn't do the same. with the cost of everything getting so high, the fee has to be reasonable because people are struggling now to pay bills.

It was stupid to stop recycling in the first place!

What are we telling our kids, ""Fill up the Landfill!""

Having a leaf bag collection every single week seems really unnecessary-cutting back on leaf collection, especially during the summer months, could offset the cost of recycling. "

You guys really screwed this up if you are now reconsidering. If you return to a city managed recycling program, do it right and do not charge fees people can't/won't pay. Figure out a way to increase property taxes to pay for the program rather than expensive process of collecting additional fees.

Our taxes and fees paid for garbage pickup should cover this cost as in the past.

No fee will be paid. Will continue to handle as regular trash.

My taxes did not go down and we lost recycling as a service. I will not pay a fee for something we should still have. I will just throw recyclables in the landfill.

The city has money to pay for expensive paint jobs for city vehicles and put an unconstitutional saying on the side. Governments are not allowed to promote any religion! The city needs to provide the service. They increased our taxes. For what? They sure are fixing the roads. People in Hickory can't even get a stop light off the bypass so we can go to Great Bridge without riding all the way down beat-up Battlefield. What is the city doing with the money? How much do they generate with the bypass? Somebody needs to check.

It's a shame that a city the size of Chesapeake does not believe in city wide curbside recycling. I thought the city states it was an environmental steward yet this shows it is not.

Please find away for us to appropriately recycle glass!!"

With real estate taxes high, along with all the other city fees, I think recycling should be provided without additional fees

Recycling with private services is less than \$12 per month without glass; your survey does not permit actual cost. Citywide this should be significantly less.

I'd appreciate the opportunity to let residents decide if they are willing to pay for a curbside recycling service.

I was incredibly disappointed when Chesapeake decided to cut out recycling. It should be brought back. Ideally it would at no cost to the residents, but if I have to pay, I don't want to be overcharged. And if I'm paying, the pickup service needs to be A LOT better too. Actually pick up my recycling on time. This applies to the trash pick up as well. The most irritating issues it trash and recycling pick up was never consistent. If my trash and recycling day is Friday, then I expect these to be picked up on Friday not Saturday or the following week sometime.

I'm happy that I got to keep my blue container.

We need ability to recycle glass. If not picked up please place a container for glass.

The idea that a city the size of Chesapeake does not offer curbside recycling is utterly embarrassing and unacceptable!

In this day and age it is a crime not to recycle. Half of our trash is recyclable. By the way it feels wrong to put glass in regular trash.

When we visited in Norway back in 2003 they had regular trash, recycled trash, and compost pick up."

Curbside recycling pickup had multiple advantages for residents.

Not only was it convenient, it also gave us a ""feel good doing our part"" for the environment.

And when explained to children they get an early education on the benefits of recycling.

There used to be a guide that listed things that were not approved for recycling. (I think at one time the guide was affixed to the top of the bin?) This included bottle caps, pizza boxes, etc. I understand that putting prohibited items in the recycling bins can cause damage to recycling equipment. If there is a possibility of having recycling resumed, residents should be made aware that recycling could be terminated again if people are not following the rules. Lastly, if recycling is resumed, provide a loud and clear guide to residents outlining the rules that includes the damage prohibited items can cause. And maybe a monthly reminder..... via mail, email, local news, etc.

I took my recycling one time to the drop off site. They were all overflowing and not sorted, so I didn't bother anymore. Multiple people have also reported seeing a trash truck empty the bins.

We would love to have the program back. It's such a waste to throw everything away, especially cardboard in a day and age when we have so many items delivered to the house in cardboard boxes.

The drop off locations are great. They are well maintained with the exception of me getting one flat tire from a small piece of metal, but that's not the City's fault...it just happened. It would be great if we could recycle glass.

It's about time and convenience. Finding the time to tote recyclables to a city location and hope it's not over used is a challenge.

Being very populous city, we must have recycling, even if it cost more than landfill. Of course I'd like to pay \$0 per month, but I know that may not be possible.

We sadly throw away our glass since we cannot put it in the City's bins.

We are extremely frustrated that Chesapeake stopped the recycling services. We reached out to private services with our names, phone numbers and emails and no one got back to us.

We have more recyclables than trash. It would be nice to have recycle pickup service again. Most of the time we can get our recycle items in the receptacles. A few times they have been full and not able to take any more items. We use the drop off location at the central library. Sometimes we drop off at city park; however those are small and usually full. Thank you.

Recycling should be part of the regular garbage/trash disposal provided by the city. Items that can be recycled should not be put in landfills, nor should residents have to take their recyclables somewhere special or engage and pay a company to do it for them. Many of my neighbors who used to place their recyclables in the blue trash cans regularly now no longer recycle because it became inconvenient. Please bring back curbside recycling. It is important.

Please bring recycling back. It's very important for the community and the world!! Haven't you heard of global warming yet? Please please please. Instead of forward thinking, the city has gone backwards to the 70's. So sad.

I am so disappointed in our city leadership. Bring back recycling, please!

We pay a crazy amount of personal property taxes that the city should reinstate recycling like it was and not charge a fee. It's really sad that we live in a large modern city and don't have recycling.

The current recycling areas are always full. They are never cleaned out making it difficult to leave the recycling we bring

I am very upset the city council took away the curbside recycling then increased our real estate tax by accessing our houses so high and blaming it on the first responder pay scale. It is ridiculous we pay more now with less services.

Need to include glass!!! Most everything we use/recycle is glass.

Doesn't make sense for Chesapeake not to recycle

Chesapeake - I just moved here from Oregon a year ago. We recycle everything in Oregon, and have .10 deposit on all cans/plastic drink bottles. Virginia needs to step up their recycling programs. Much too much waste happening here.

Am happy with private service. Do not plan to return to city operated service and therefore am no willing to pay a fee for city services. I did all I could to maintain city service and no one listened. Too late now. Maybe at of my friends simply do not recycle. I choose to do so on my own. If a fee is added to city services I will not pay such a fee. I am tired of city leaders doing what they want in spite of what citizens want. I've never seen any evidence first responders benefitted from the savings as promised. I get exactly what I pay for

Removing Recycling services was a huge mistake and a step backwards. Should have listened to your constituents from the get go instead of removing the service. Reinstate Chesapeake recycling NOW!

All my neighbors on Windsor Point agree we need curbside recycling. We used it before and will use it again.

It was a poor decision on the city "leaders" to cancel recycling. Many are unable to pay for a private service and many are unable to take recycling to a center themselves. Our planet is already showing accelerated signs, caused by humans, of distress. While global warming is a natural phenomenon, and we are living during a interglacial period, humans have stepped on the accelerator of the carbon cycle - speeding up a natural process at an alarming rate. By canceling recycling, you have literally added to the problem: creating more pollution which harms not only humans, but wildlife, air, ground, water sources - the whole ecosystem. It's a major concern and a disappointment, and I'm disappointed in you. Fix it.
Signed: A literal scientist.

Chesapeake, recycling service should be part of the trash collection services we already pay for. What goes in the recycle bin reduces the amount of trash to be collected.

I watched the truck pick up at city park and it dumped all the containers into one truck. What's the point of separating? "

CHESAPEAKE- It seems like a great deal of the drop-off material gets contaminated because people don't follow directions. I have even seen furniture at the Great Bridge sit by the Library. Even when you recycle at other places they only charge for items they can't recycle like fridges and tires.

I would love to see Chesapeake return to curbside recycling even if you do it once a month. I think our taxes can be used for an adequate recycling program. Perhaps fees can be charged to folks who don't bother to recycle or folks who contaminate the centers provided?

Every blue recycling container has a number- you can institute a fee based on the actual use of the blue can. Also glass can be crushed for use-maybe the Vo-tech students can find a way to handle that?

CONFUSING- You do not separate cardboard (cereal and cracker) boxes from Corrugated cardboard.

Let the community share in your problem solving strategies.

We had it before and didn't pay anything, why should we pay a fee for it now. Maybe the city should audit where the citizens money is going and reallocate appropriately. The city needs to do better managing their money.

We are senior citizens and want to do our part however it is difficult for us to load up all recyclables, and unload at the drop-off site. If there are large boxes my husband must take them because I am not tall/strong enough to reach the slot. We know a number of neighbors who do not recycle since the curbside pick-up ended. We are hoping it will be restarted by the city.

The drop off sites are well utilized and now are emptied more frequently. Initially, they were overflowing. I would love to have curbside recycling again that includes glass.

Please find a way to bring back curbside recycling. I see lots of trash cans full of cardboard in them, or it is laying in the street.

Tried the recycle containers at Russell Memorial Library. The slot was high and narrow. I am not very tall, so it was difficult to reach. The narrow slot required that I take items out of my container and attempt to stuff them into the slot. I finally stopped taking recycle items to the facility and just dumped it all our regular trash. And it so very wasteful and bad for the environment.

Please let us recycle glass.

I wish recycling would be brought back to the city.

I think taking it away was short sighted.

I moved to Chesapeake 40 years ago and retired from the school system. Taking away the free recycling program was the dumbest thing this city has done. Combine this with extreme raising of taxes and fees for other services and reducing some other services. I did find out which members of council voted to remove recycling and vowed to never vote for them again regardless of which political party they claim to support. As someone 72 years old, I cannot always get to city recycling bins and it hurts my heart to put those items in garbage. Shame on you, Chesapeake. Return free recycling

Households collect more recyclables than just trash.... The city can benefit from this --- make something out of something, sell them or use them.... Allocate some of our tax money to this endeavor -- save the earth...

We seriously would support the idea of the City reinstating the curbside recycling.

We are all for bringing back recycling, and even paying for the service, as long as it goes to a RECYCLING CENTER and not to the landfill.

I feel recycling should be included as part our garbage pickup.

We have appreciated that the drop-off location accepted all numbers of plastics. It was always frustrating that TFC curbside was not able to do that.

Would be nice to be able to recycle glass again, and more aluminum than just cans.

My entire Chesapeake family (5 separate households) has been using the curbside recycling ever since it's inception in the 1990's. We are always careful not to put pizza boxes or anything else not accepted in the cans. None of us have recycled ever since the city recklessly discarded the program. Us middle class homeowners do not have the money to spend on services that have been provided for decades, through our property taxes. Still to this day, my household fills up both the brown can with trash and blue can with recyclables. Our city trash trucks and employees are doing almost twice the work as they were before. Bring back our service that we pay for.

Please bring back recycling.

Recycling is a positive approach to preserving the environment. We need to encourage and make it more accessible to the community.

I'm a senior and with recent increases in real estate taxes and assessments, and the gas prices I can't afford to pay for recycling.

I would prefer to pay a monthly fee for recycling than throw them in the trash. Please bring back curbside recycling!

I think it would save money in the long run. The trucks fill up faster when everything goes to the trash. We need more trucks and drivers for that. Some of the trucks and drivers could be used for recycling. Also the landfill fills up faster. You can sell most of the things in recycling. We need people to understand what goes in the cans and there could be a fine if other items are put in.

Curbside recycling should be available and covered by taxes. Lord knows we pay enough.

At 80 yrs old, I don't travel around to recycle but will use the bin at my home.

To be honest, I feel we pay enough in taxes and fees to have this covered by the city but willing to pay \$5 extra a month to have this back. It was convenient and nice to feel like I was helping.

Please bring back Chesapeake recycling! This is crucial for our community and environment!

More information is needed to educate the public on what is recyclable and how those materials are recycled. Also the effects on the environment when we do not recycle. Educational programs and Incentive programs offered in schools would also be very beneficial.

Why is this the only city in Hampton Roads to end curbside recycling then asking if we're going to pay for the service. Half if not more of everyone's

trash is recyclable. How about investing in creating green City jobs or just jobs in general even they aren't a city job?! We've had this service so many years yet all the sudden ours in the only city to do away with it, why?! Do you people enjoy creating extra needless pollution filling up landfills faster?! The more recycling opportunities that aren't being provided the more trash ends up in the water! There's no excuse for this. How much are you making in your government job? Would you like to curb down your salary so all of the City's residents can recycle for the betterment of our whole city?!"

We miss the curb side recycling. We tried the drop off locations for several months but it was just too much. Please bring it back

We didn't live here in 2022 but would have used curbside recycle

Please bring it back

Chesapeake, our household would happily pay \$7 a month to regain curbside recycling. I am truly shocked Chesapeake took it away when we all cherish the Chesapeake Bay. We live on the water and we need to be recycling and taking care of that water and our earth. The fact that all this recycling material is just being thrown into landfills is sickening. We have got to make the change and we have got to do it now! We no longer have time to waste. We love our area and we want to help protect Chesapeake and its Bay.

It was a dumb idea to stop recycling. Please reinstate it.

I am not willing to pay any more for this service cause the understanding from dissolving the last service was that there would be tax savings. I have not noticed that in tax bill yet. So the city manager and council must do their job to find the money in the budget if they would like to reinstate

service. Please take your requests seriously and uphold the commitments made. Thank you for asking about reinstating service.

Happy Planet has been great to work with. They take all recyclable plastic which is much better than the city offered. They will recycle glass for an extra fee but I did not pay for that service because I rarely have glass. I think I paid \$160 for the entire year. Great deal! I think the city should promote the outside companies and let people pay for their own service rather than making everyone participate because those people did not use the recycling bins properly anyway.

Although I loved the curbside pickup, I cannot afford to pay for it. I wish the current drop off sites would include glass items. I realize most people who recycled before did not properly prepare the recycling. I used to complain about people putting trash in the recycle bins.

Please bring it back!

Please bring back glass recycling and recycle pick up service. Or add more drop of locations for each area.

I would love to start recycling again! Please restart the recycling curbside program!

We shouldn't have to pay for resources that is good for the environment.

We pay more than enough taxes, we shouldn't be charged to help the environment

Chesapeake please bring back curbside recycling. My family at times

recycled more than we threw in the trash. It is an important city function that need to be brought back.

Please bring back the curbside recycling program to Chesapeake

It's sad the second largest city in Va stopped its recycling program. Our leaders should be embarrassed! Maybe spend less money on trips for our partnership with Brazil and lavish trips for our mosquito control management. Start doing things that impact our environment and help our tax paying citizens. Relook your budget and cut the wasteful spending. Please reconsider recycling!!!!

I do not want to pay a fee to recycle. Those that want it have options

Already paying plenty of fees and taxes for services~~~the concrete drainage ditch under WillowOak Drive between Beckley and Gloria hasn't been cleaned in years even though I've called many times;

mosquito control is insufficient as well

We pay enough money to the city in taxes. It covered the service before hopefully it will again

Please bring back city recycling. This service should be available to all citizens regardless of willingness or ability to ppay.

I've lived all over the country and have recycled my entire 40 yr lifespan. The fact that this was removed was a ridiculous mistake. It's 2023 we should find better solutions not cancel the program entirely.

I still go thru the process of putting recyclables in the blue container even

though material is not being recycled. I figure if the city doesn't want to recycle, that's on them!

We would love to see recycling return, however, we heard much of it previously wasn't recycled and was just dumped anyway. If that will continue if it returns, we would not vote to bring it back and we wouldn't want to pay for something not actually happening.

We pay way to much taxes in this city as it is!!!! I refused to give the city of Chesapeake more of our hard earned money!

I live close to a recycling pick up location. I find the locations MUCH more convenient than waiting every other week for the recycling pick up where I may collect more recycling than what could be held in the bin.

A majority of my bulk pick up requests in years past have all been cardboard boxes. Since the remote locations have been open I have cut down significantly on the amount of bulk pickup requests by breaking down my boxes and brining them to the location by my house.

My father in law has always collected and recycled all of my aluminum.

My glass products are now recycled at my company's recycled location since they started for employees when Chesapeake discontinued.

All in all my family is recycling MORE now and with greater frequency, using less city resources (bulk pickup) and couldn't be happier not having curbside pickup.

Canceling the recycling program tells me that city council does not care

about the environment, this is also evident in their gross overdevelopment of what used to be a decent place to live..

This should be included with the HRSD fees.

Loved recycling before because I think it's important. Must not be though if the city thinks we need to pay to do it.

I sincerely hope the city leaders decide to reinstate the recycle bin collection. I feel this helps and benefits our city and planet.

I have not seen the numbers, but part of the savings of not having a recycling program must be going back into the regular garbage runs. That should be considered when determining the cost of reinstating recycling.

Another negative with the current program is that the regular garbage runs are taking longer to complete, with the garbage being picked up late or even the next day. The longer the garbage cans are out, the more likely they will be bumped into or blown over. Reinstating the recycling program will take a load off the regular runs."

I don't recycle each week. Only once each month. I do not wish to pay for recycling.

I have lived in Chesapeake for over 30 years and would enjoy seeing recycling back for good.

I am fortunate to have a recycling drop off center just down the road from my house, which I use weekly. The original containers were not sufficient, but the additional containers have proved to be quite nice. I do wish that they would include glass in the recycling efforts. I also think there needs to

be a better description on the containers for what is and is not accepted. I see a lot of people who don't know what goes where and what is not accepted. A mailer to each household listing drop off locations and was expected would be quite nice.

They need to bring back the convenience of recycle pick up. We have full time jobs and little children. It's too difficult to find a site and weekly drop off items. We would def pay for the service to come to our house if it was offered.

No matter what the cost, we need the recycling program reinstated.

I feel we pay enough money in taxes and all the other necessities.

Drop-off containers are frequently overflowing and not emptied enough. This requires us to drive to at least two locations to drop off our recycling.

The city needs to either increase the number of bins or empty them more frequently.

I'm willing to pay a small fee as long as it's actually being recycled. If it's not even really being recycled, I say we just keep it gone.

Do other cities charge for curbside recycling? IDK!

If the city wants to charge for recycling, I would rather use the drop off, but of course its easy for me because I live in GB.

I believe we pay enough in city taxes to warrant FREE recycling. Recycling takes time and effort for the citizens of Chesapeake.

Either way, keeping recycling stations or curbside with a charge, most people will opt out.

Chesapeake, I do miss the convenience of curbside but it's not a huge deal to drop off. I am concerned with how people use the drop off for plastic bags and glass. I know there are signs but obviously folks aren't reading them. Does this make the whole container unusable? I don't think people understand why they can't put plastic bags in there. Seems like if you were willing to drive out to recycle you would read about what is accepted, but I guess not.

With so much growth in the city and increases in property tax, why would we pay for a service that was free to begin with? When that can be answered, I may or may not consider paying a minimal fee for this service. I do miss the service as we used to recycle a lot!

It is amazing to me that the city discontinued a valuable service and then increased real estate taxes.

I was just up north, and they accept many more types of plastic. They accept glass. And they have recycle containers for cloth/textiles.

I like having the 2nd trash can now, if you don't return the recycling program, no biggie.

I feel guilty for not recycling. I believed I was adding to the already polluted earth.

Chesapeake leaders. I already pay taxes and this is something that should be included in my services. I am hoping that this revisit is successful in

bringing back the recycling program because we need it. I currently do not recycle, but we should. Noting having curbside pickup is not right. I would certainly hope out elected officials do what's right for the city and it's constituents.

We are hoping curbside recycling is re-instated, and are willing to pay a monthly fee for the service, and would sort our recycling into separate containers if necessary

The City leaders showed their true colors when they pulled the plug on the recycling collection. It really shows they don't care about the environment, or the City we live in. Did they really think a recycling drop off would work? The surrounding cities didn't have this problem, or end their recycling program, did they? Recycling should be mandatory, not optional, and it should be included with trash collection, as it was, even if the fee needs to be increased somewhat. Get it together, and get the recycling collection program back for this City!

Why pay a company to pick up recycling materials that also profits from the sale of the materials

Only contract a company if there is 0 tax increase

Not recycling reflects poorly on Cheapeake. I have to go over the old canal bridge (which is usually backed up) to get to Deep Creek park. They only have on bin for mixed recycle. I am an elderly lady and it is difficult to get garbage in my car and take it there.

I am an avid recycler BUT I observed that when we did have curbside recycling, my neighbors put all kinds of non-recyclables in their recycle bins. They seem to want to recycle, but from what I see, the majority of

citizens do it wrong and contaminate the load. I am not in favor of bringing back curbside recycling UNLESS there is a very strong (well-funded) educational campaign to go along with it. I like to think people will do right if they know, and that this is just ignorance.

If there is no funding for education, then curbside is wishful thinking and a waste of everyone's effort.

If the recycling is not to be reinstated then the drop off sites need expanded. We have no problem with going to drop off but they get full and can be messy.

Would like to see glass products included if possible.

Drop off sites should be more accessible to all neighborhoods. My community does not have one. I have to drive about 2-3 miles to get to one. More shredding events are necessary as well.

We pay enough in taxes to cover this essential service. Cutting recycling took Chesapeake back 5 decades. Look at San Francisco's waste management.

I'd rather pay \$0.00 dollars, but our earth needs the help. Do this for our children!!!

I recycle EVERYTHING, taking my glass to friends in cities that do recycle. Though it has been time consuming taking my recycling to drop off sites, I attempt to add it to other trips. Will you continue with glass recycling?

Chesapeake needs to reinstate this as property taxes compared to other

Hampton Roads cities is unsatisfactory. Curbside recycling should NOT be an option but mandatory as we attempt to be good custodians to our community.

Bring back the recycling program to Chesapeake! I understand funding is limited, with a fee that all residents can agree on we can fund the recycling programs, first responders, and other programs to show our city is safe and clean altogether! I believe that the recycling effort could bring more additional funding to our beautiful city! We are growing in Chesapeake, and it's time we all stop being cheap and pitch in to support our city and neighborhoods! We all win, we all fight, we all recycle!

We pay enough city taxes already

Please publicize this survey. I don't think everyone in my neighborhood got it!

My bill was not reduced when recycling was discontinued. The city needs to rein in the budget and provide the service as it was.

I was deeply disappointed to hear that the council decided to end this wildly popular program. And I was delighted to see that the drop-off sites (especially the one near city hall) kept adding containers to keep up with the demand. Did you all really think we'd just stop recycling? Or switch to a private service en masse? You know what your constituents want. Bring it back. Do your job.

The City of Chesapeake is the second largest in the Commonwealth and it is totally UNACCEPTABLE and shameful that the "leaders" of our beautiful city choose corruption and no action in recycling. THE CITY MANAGER SHOULD BE FIRED!! How much money has been saved since the city isn't

using a vendor to recycle? And WHERE IS THAT MONEY?!?! It's a travesty that a large city is being so mismanaged by people incapable of governing!!!

Pick up of glass is an additional fee with the private company. and city drop-off sites don't allow glass either.

It should have never been removed. Maybe the city should revisit some other wasteful programs instead of taking away useful ones like recycling pick up

I am personally embarrassed that a city the size of Chesapeake doesn't have an aggressive Recycling program.

We need to recycle and do it correctly. It's our duty to our future generations.

I was very disappointed when this program was discontinued and I'd like to see it reinstated.

We want curbside recycling back

The reason that I'm not willing to pay a fee for recycling is because taxes were increased significantly to cover varying costs of projects in the city. Unfortunately what I didn't see in those proposals was recycling and school security officers. These are two items that should budgeted for and added into property tax.

Senior citizens it to hard for us to transport stuff.

Recommend that the City Council reestablish curbside recycling.

It is embarrassing that in 2023 we live in a city with no curbside recycling and no way to recycle glass!

I really feel this was a bad decision to take away recycling when our planet needs all the help it can get.. I think this was not a good idea at all so city of Chesapeake needs to get ot together on recycling again... I had a private recycling company when you guys stopped recycling they went from 15 per month to 100 per month so now i canceled their services thata way to high ao hopefully Chesapeake can get there act together and bring recycling back 10 per month would be a decent price for curbside.

I feel like we pay this in our taxes. However I know it's expensive. I would pay to have this done. If the price is reasonable.

Chesapeake please bring back home/curb recycling! We miss it dearly!

The city makes money on aluminum and cardboard so why pay

Sometimes I have had to call because the bins were full. Curbside pickup would reduce the CO2 emissions, since fewer vehicles would be traveling to drop-off centers. Undoubtedly, recycling would increase with curbside pickup. It requires 2 or 3 trips per week to take what used to go in one large blue bin every two weeks.

I have noticed that people continue to recycle incorrectly, even with signs all over the bins. I understand why recycling in theory is good, but people are so tragically inattentive.

A modern urban area should be providing citizens recycling service. Chesapeake's waterways and forests and citizens deserve a healthy environment. The challenge faced is ensuring citizens recycle correctly.

One of my main concerns is seeing the items we recycle actually get recycled and not ending up in a landfill. If improving that means narrowing the scope of materials we can recycle I'd certainly be ok with that.

It should be included for free with the other services we pay for currently. We need to keep Chesapeake beautiful and take care of our world.

We miss recycling and feel very bad to put them in trash. Recycling is a must and all other cities around us provide the service, Chesapeake should grt the program back.

I really like to recycle. But I have heard we don't really know where our recycling is going or is it really being recycled. I don't use the drop off locations because I'm afraid it's all going in the landfill anyways. And that would be a waste of my time and gas. I really hope recycling comes back to Chesapeake but only if it's actually getting recycled.

Chesapeake if you want us to recycle then it must be made easy. If you are picking up trash (I pay for this service) already then you can pick up recycling as well. The containers were provided. I am sorry ppl didn't follow recycling rules though.

We need to do our part in maintaining the earth for future generations.

We loved the recycling service! It was convenient and I was confident the recycle materials were going to the appropriate place. We use a private

service, but it's not 100 percent reliable all the time. I'm a city like ours, we should have the option of curbside recycling and I'm sure an extra \$20 a month is in most everyone's budget to keep our city nice and clean.

The number of accepted items should be more than what was previously accepted under the cancelled curbside program.

I think council should have taken the survey before ending the service last year.

I do not want to pay one more dollar in taxes or fees for a recycling program. I am fine with using the blue can for trash. The recycling program had been proven to be ineffective and overpriced. If people want to recycle let them pay and use a private program.

Even if you only bring back some recycle options it would be better than none. Plastic only, or glass only. Folks are willing to pay for it. Make it an option so everyone doesn't have to chose. Or make drop off locations more convenient.

Would like to have glass included in pick up, willing to pay annual fee for curbside.

We would like to see curbside recycling provided again by the city. Currently we do not recycle since we see no environmental benefit to drive to a drop-off location. We take our aluminum to green Chesapeake Animal Control location on South Military Highway though.

I think it's a disgrace that a city as large as Chesapeake doesn't provide curbside recycling. Obviously, schools, police, and fire are must haves. But trash collection/recycling is an important second tier service. Recycling is

an important investment. I suspect we're using up landfill space faster without curbside recycling.

If the city introduces a fee for pick up, then the drop off sites should remain and then people can choose to continue recycling for free

I recycled while it was available as curbside pickup. I don't recycle without it.

We are not teaching our children to recycle. Sending a message that it is not important but it is. Please reinstate recycling as soon as possible.

Why is Chesapeake the only city with this issue? Virginia Beach, Portsmouth, Suffolk, Norfolk have all worked it out. Why is Chesapeake not able to figure it out? It's ridiculous. It makes me want to leave and move to VB.

We need to help save our city from pollution. Since the city has done away with recycling, the independent private recycling companies have not been consistent which has resulted in trash (recycling) blowing all over the streets.

Please recycle

PLEASE bring this capability back. A reasonable fee is fine for this service.

Being disabled and not able to drive and also being low income paying for recycling is difficult and then driving it to a disposal place is not an option because I can not drive

The ease of curbside recycling would encourage more individuals to recycle. The drop off site near my house is not the most easily accessible location due crossing deep creek bridge. I know the majority of my neighbor now just do not recycle because of the extra effort needed to recycle.

Several people have reported watching trash trucks pick up the public recycling.... It's useless to even use this service if it's not ACTUALLY being recycled

I am not in favor of restarting a recycling program.

We produce 5 to 6 bags of recyclable material for every one bag of trash. Recycling is absolutely necessary!

I'm paying 100 dollars a month.

The private services are not great. Happy Planet recently canceled everyone unless they wanted to pay \$100 a month!! Using Recyclops now but haven't had a pickup yet. Please bring back the old system!

I wish this never stopped. There's no reason why we can't have curbside collection. It's the right thing to do, and even if you don't believe in global warming, you have to be able to see how much trash is now being picked up without recycling.

I recycled all the time and really feel like it is better for the environment

I really hope they bring back the recycling program.

I urge city leaders to bring back curbside recycling, a core service for our city. I support an enterprise fund to protect the future of recycling.

Private subscription services have failed and drop off sites are inconvenient, resulting in far fewer residents recycling. We need to bring back curbside and put more effort into educating the public on how to recycle right and reduce contamination. "

We need the ability to recycle glass, even if it is only a cover for the landfills.

My previous recycle friends now put everything in the trash.