

Recycling Survey of Chadds Ford Residents - Summary of Results

Last Update = 9/21/08
 # Respondents = 205
 Response Rate = 15.7%

| %Yes | %No | %N/A | Question | Summary of Comments |
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| 77% | 22% | 1% | 1. Do you recycling now? If YES, what materials do you recycle. | From newspapers or plastic bags - to everything taken curbside by Opdenaker/Recycle Bank - to even more via drop-off stations |
| 68% | 27% | 5% | 2. Are you in favor of the Township developing a residential curbside recycling program? If NO, why? | Those using Opdenaker often remark they already have a curbside recycling program, are satisfied with the service, and don't want to change, or be charged more for a township program |
| 64% | 30% | 5% | 3. Are you in favor of the Township <u>requiring trash haulers</u> to offer curbside residential recycling for easily recyclable materials? If NO, why? | "No" responses prefer free enterprise, free choice, small government - or fear higher costs, lower service - or don't trust that mandated haulers will actually recycle |
| 56% | 32% | 12% | 4. Are you in favor of the Township selecting an <u>exclusive trash/recycling hauler</u> for the entire residential community to reduce traffic and obtain best pricing? If NO, why? | "No" responses believe competition is best to achieve lowest price, prefer choice to fit their unique circumstances, or want to limit government. Reducing traffic/road wear was not mentioned |
| 55% | 40% | 6% | 5. Are you in favor of the Township <u>requiring residents</u> to recycle through curbside collection and/or a drop-off location in the Township? If NO, why? | "No" responses mention personal freedom, limited government, fear of added expense and higher taxes to enforce, worry elderly/disabled cannot comply. Question was confusing to some who thought they had to choose between either curbside or drop-off |
| 74% | 22% | 3% | 6. Are you in favor of the Township <u>requiring businesses</u> to recycle? If NO, why? | "No" responses similar to Q5 - free enterprise, personal choice, higher prices, enforcement costs, limit government |
| 56% | 33% | 11% | 7. For planning purposes, do you expect to participate in our Residential Recycling Event on September 27, 2008 at the Township building? If YES, list materials you would like to see collected. | Many list items we will collect, i.e. paper (shredding), anything with a plug (electronics, appliances), propane tanks, batteries, clothing. Some want to bring household hazardous waste. Some want to bring things that are easily recyclable at the curb. |
| | | | 8. Please tell us what street you live on. | Responses came from all across the township and from both single-family homes and condominiums (e.g. Painters Crossing). A list of streets mentioned is available elsewhere. |
| | | | 9. Please add any other comments or suggestions you many have regarding recycling in the Township. | Individual Comments are available elsewhere. |