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Dear Resident:

Enclosed you will find the 2010 annual collection calendar, information on how to prepare your recyclables, collection street listing and additional information for hard to recycle items. The Township was mandated by the State to develop and operate a Municipal Recycling Collection Program. We enacted in-to-law, Ordinance #602 of 1990, that requires each household in the Township to recycle.

There are several changes that you will notice in the 2010 collection program. The changes are as follows:

1. We are adding the collection of #1 and #2 plastics to the list of items being recycled.
2. We are moving to a single stream collection system. This means all items can be mixed in your bins / containers, they do not need to be separated.
3. The cost for the service will increase from an annual fee of \$12 to an annual fee of \$15. That is a cost of \$1.25 per month.

In order to keep the cost at a minimum, we are continuing our relationship with the Twin Rivers Council of Governments, a governmental non-profit agency, to invoice the residents and collect the recyclables upon our behalf. This cooperative effort has been in place since 1991 with this being the first rate increase since the program's inception, 19 years ago.

Last year we removed an approximate total of 140 tons of aluminum, tin and glass and 308 tons of paper from the waste stream.

We encourage you to "Do Your Part" and recycle along with paying the minimal fee of \$15.00 per year.

If you should have any questions regarding recycling please feel free to contact the Township Office or the Twin Rivers COG Office at (412) 466-7377 or go online at www.elizabethtwp.com for more information.

Please continue to recycle and clean up our environment. Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

The Elizabeth Township Board of Commissioners

Listed below is some information on how to dispose of some items not included in our program.

Household Hazardous Waste - For information on the proper disposal of Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) including paint and paint products, automobile fluids, solvents, household cleaners, pesticides, and pool and photo chemicals, contact the South Western PA HHW Task Force at 412.488.7452 or visit www.swpahhw.org.

"Hard to Recycle" Items - Check out the "Recycle It Here Throughout the Year" events where you can safely dispose of or recycle items such as tires, large appliances, computer equipment, and latex paint. For dates, fees structure and locations call the Pennsylvania Resources Council at 412.488.7490 or visit www.prc.org.

Building Materials - Donate useable building materials such as lumber, kitchen cabinets, and windows to Construction Junction, western PA's first non-profit retail store for used and surplus building materials. Call 412.243.5025 or visit www.constructionjunction.org for more information.

Abitibi Paper Recycling Drop-off Locations - Visit www.paperretriever.com to find Abitibi paper drop-off locations near you. Abitibi accepts: computer paper, mixed paper, newspaper, magazines, catalogs, and junk mail. No phone books or cardboard.

Earth 911 - Visit www.earth911.org for a listing of where to recycle items not listed here.

Allegheny County Health Department's Recycling Resource Guide - For more information on where to recycle a wide assortment of materials check out the County's Recycling Resource Guide: <http://www.achd.net/recycling/recyclingstart.html>.