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Dear Citizens:

The City of Corsicana is continuing to gather input from citizens on the options for recycling. A second survey of three questions is now available online at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TMM2JWX>. Your input is important to the City Council, who will review the survey results at the next Council meeting on May 28, 2019.

Currently, only 14% of Republic Services customers use curbside recycling and the first survey showed that about half of those who responded were not aware of the recycling process. Republic Services offers a great website that makes it simple and easy to understand acceptable recycling: <https://recyclingsimplified.com/>.

The most common problem with recycled material is contamination from food waste. Here is a brief list from Republic Services that is not allowed in recycle bins:

- Pizza boxes and any plastic food container that is not clean and dry
- Aluminum foil and batteries
- Milk cartons and orange juice cartons
- Any glass that is not empty, clean and dry
- Plastic bags

When items are not properly recycled, the entire contents of the truck are contaminated and cannot be sent to a recycling center. With the future of recycling changing nationwide, and the topic in the news every day, it's more important than ever to take the necessary steps for proper recycling.

With all the recent rain, grass and weeds are growing quickly, so this is a reminder for the proper way to deal with lawn waste. All lawn waste must be bagged, and not blown into the streets, gutters, and drains. The City offers a year-round leaf collection, which is based on your regularly scheduled trash day. You may also drop off bagged leaves at the City of Corsicana Service Center located at 620 South 12th Street, Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

To report a violation of lawn waste going into drains, contact 903-654-4860.

Sincerely,

Don Denbow
Mayor