# Pedestrian Recycling Program

*Properly Disposing Recyclable Materials*

The placement of unwanted items in locations other than the designated trash or recycling containers is considered dumping. Dumping is not only against City Ordinance, but also an eyesore for our city. If you spot trash or piles of debris that are not in proper containers or they are set out in an otherwise unsanitary manner, not at a proper point of collection, or on a vacant lot or public property, please call the Deer Park Police Dept. at 281-479-1511 and provide the following:

- The location of the dumping.
- Make, model and license plate number of the vehicle carrying the items to the site.
- Time and date when the dumping occurred.
- Type of materials dumped.

There are several pedestrian recycling containers throughout the Girls Softball Complex (500 W. X St.) and the Spencerview Athletic Complex (4514 Durant St.), in addition to a Big Belly trash compactor with recycling unit at the Community Center and behind City Hall by Dow Park. The recycling containers were acquired via a solid waste grant funded by the Houston-Galveston Area Council and the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.

The City needs your support to make the Pedestrian Recycling Program successful. At this time, the recycling containers only accept plastic bottles. Please keep in mind that items still containing food or liquids are not recyclable and should be placed in the garbage. The recycling units are designed to redirect common pedestrian waste into recyclable materials.

These recycling receptacles are for pedestrian use only. Do not use them to dispose of household trash or accumulated recyclable plastics from home. Please properly dispose of these items at the Transfer Station, located at 610 Underwood Road. The Transfer Station accepts aluminum, plastic, glass, and paper recyclables Monday through Friday, 8am-6pm, and Saturdays, 9am-6pm. If you transport recyclables in plastic bags, please remove all recyclables from the plastic bags before depositing them into the drop-off containers. Plastic bags will contaminate the load and make the load unsuitable for recycling.

## *Important Tips to Remember*

- Only the materials listed on the recycling container can be placed in the bin for recycling.
- Hold onto anything that won't fit into the proper bins, so it can be deposited correctly the next time when the bin isn't so full. Placing materials in the incorrect containers can contaminate the load and make it unsuitable for recycling.
- Take home any materials not listed on the bins for proper disposal. Leaving bags of materials outside of the bins is considered illegal dumping. Any person found guilty of dumping can be fined up to $2,000.

## *City Ordinances*

**Section 90-2**: It shall be unlawful for any person to deposit any garbage, trash or miscellaneous waste at any place within the city or its police jurisdiction, except at the city-owned transfer station or other places designated for such deposits by city officials.

**Section 90-3**: It shall be unlawful for any person to place, dump, store or deposit garbage, trash, debris, dirt or rubbish on any property owned or leased by the city, without first obtaining written permission from the city to do so.

Any person convicted of violating these provisions of the Code shall be punished by a fine not to exceed $2,000.

To read the City of Deer Park Code of Ordinances in its entirety, go to www,deerparktx.gov, hover over *Your Government,* select *City Secretary,* and click on *Code of Ordinances*.

**To report illegal dumping, call the Deer Park Police Dept. at 281-479-1511.**

Dumping by the Big Belly unit can be a hazard for children and parents visiting the Community Center.

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