

Recycling Pays...Santa's Elves Deliver

You may hear some jingling this time of the year, but it may not be bells. In the town of Gilmanton, residents probably hear cash pouring into the town's coffers. Since the beginning of 2010, the resident “elves” have increased their recycling efforts. This means less in the trash bin, so the cost of hauling is reduced. It also means an increase in revenue, because **RECYCLING PAYS!**

Here are a few examples of the savings and income generated:

- For every ton that does not go into the trash bin, the town saves \$62.10/ton in tipping fees. So far this year, the amount of recyclable materials that has been kept out of the trash is equal to over 540 tons, a *savings of more than \$34,000.00*.
- For every ton of recycled aluminum cans, the town is currently being paid an average of \$1400.00/ton. To date, the residents of Gilmanton have recycled about 3 tons, generating close to \$4000.00 in revenue.
- For every ton of recycled cardboard, the town is currently being paid about \$155.00/ton. So far, the residents have recycled close to 80 tons, generating more than \$8500.00 in revenue for the town.
- For every ton of plastic (#1-7, inclusive), the town is currently being paid \$80.00/ton. Recycled plastics have totaled more than 18 tons so far this year, generating over \$3000.00 in revenue for the town.

The list goes on, but you probably get the picture: RECYCLING PAYS! In fact, when you add what the town saved by having less trash (due to recycling) plus the revenue generated by a variety of recyclable materials the total “jingle” is over \$68,000.00.

Though we've come a long way, Gilmanton is only recycling at about 20%, so encourage your neighbors and friends to become “elves” and help to “Break the Cycle...Recycle”. Together we can help the environment, the town and ourselves.