

## The City of Demorest Citizen Survey on Recycling

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The Mayor and Council of Demorest are studying a city-wide household recycling program for its citizens. Simply, recycling is the process of reusing or reconditioning materials to make new products and conserve natural resources.

Part of the study requires a **survey** or list of basic questions about recycling and about household products which may be recycled. Please take a few moments to respond to these questions and return the survey to City Hall with your water payment or whenever you're by there. For your convenience, the answers may also be e-mailed to [DemoRecycle@aol.com](mailto:DemoRecycle@aol.com) if you wish (this is simply an e-reply opportunity, so number the questions as below then provide your reply). We ask no names or identification on any survey. Thank you.

### Demographic Information

1. How many people live in your household? 70% 1-2 30% 3-5 \_\_\_ 6 or more
2. Have you ever recycled? 70 Yes 30 No
3. In any home you've lived, have you participated in recycling? 70 Yes 30 No
4. What is your interest level in recycling? \_\_\_ Not too much 18 Some 77 Very interested

### Recycling Materials

{Only certain materials from your home can be recycled; please answer questions based on your own home}.

5. Please rank these items which might be recycled from your home (1 represents the most items, 2 the next amount, then 3 and on):  
\_\_\_1\_\_\_ Aluminum cans \_\_\_2\_\_\_ Plastic jugs \_\_\_ Glass bottles \_\_\_3\_\_\_ Newspapers or magazines  
\_\_\_ Office paper or junk mail \_\_\_ Tin cans (primarily food products)  
\_\_\_ Others \_\_\_\_\_
6. Please rank these items which **cannot be recycled** for our study (1 represents the most items, 2 the next amount, then 3 and on):  
\_\_\_3\_\_\_ Scrap metal, machinery, construction or remodeling materials \_\_\_ Motor oil containers \_\_\_2\_\_\_ Cardboard, including carry out containers \_\_\_1\_\_\_ Styrofoam, including food containers \_\_\_ Hard plastic, such as ink cartridges or some outdoor furniture
7. A recycling program normally provides a **recycling bin** to place items into then set on the street for pickup. What type of bin could work best for you?  
\_\_\_50\_\_\_ Single stream, where all recyclables are put together  
\_\_\_50\_\_\_ Divided, where households must separate the objects for recycling

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8. Based on the household products you identified, along with the items which cannot be recycled AND the bin preference, how many times each month would recycling be helpful to you? 30% Once each week 36 Twice a month 30 Once a month

9. So, reviewing your answers to questions 5-8, *estimate how much* might be recycled. 33 A full bin 43 Nearly full bin 15 Half full bin \_\_\_ Less than half full bin

10. If a recycling program provided a free bin to each household, would you be willing to place the bin at curbside/street side on a designated pick up day? 100% Yes \_\_\_ No

11. Of all the recyclable products listed in Question 5, do you presently haul any of these materials to a recycling center? 53% Yes \_\_\_ No, they go in the garbage.

#### **Public awareness, participation and cost estimates**

12. Do you believe a local government should partner with private households to offer a recycling program for its citizens? 86% Yes 9% No

13. Do you believe a recycling program *really* saves natural resources and saves space at the county landfill? 86% Yes 3% No

14. Are you pleased with the city's household garbage collection service? 92% Yes \_\_\_ No

15. Are you pleased with the leaf, limb & debris collection service? 94% Yes \_\_\_ No

16. Would you be willing to pay a nominal monthly fee for a recycling program? 71% Yes 28% No

17. If willing, what represents a reasonable monthly fee? 80% \$1-\$3 16% \$4-\$7 \_\_\_ \$8-\$10

18. If the city offered a curbside household recycling service, would you participate? 94% Yes \_\_\_ No