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Mayor Byron W. Brown



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Mayor Brown says the city collected over 1,000 tons of recyclable material in March

Mayor Byron W. Brown today announced that City of Buffalo residents recycled more than 1,000 tons of material in March, setting a monthly record for the new "Buffalo Green Cart Recycling Program". He, and DPW Commissioner Steve Stepniak, made the announcement in the Hennepin Park neighborhood, where curbside pickup of recyclables was underway today.

"Buffalonians have truly embraced recycling," said Mayor Brown. "With the larger carts and the expanded list of items to be recycled, city residents have dramatically increased their participation and deserve credit for taking the message of recycling to heart."

Buffalo rolled out more than 70,000 recycling carts, beginning in December 2011. Curbside collection was supposed to go bi-weekly March First, but due to the immediate increase in participation and early success of the program, the city continues to collect recyclable items on a weekly basis.

"The numbers tell the story," said DPW Commissioner Stepniak. "We are excited that even before we start to deliver carts to commercial properties, or roll out any targeted marketing campaign, we are consistently breaking records for recycling."

Buffalo's near 50% recycling rate last month is higher than the national average of about 25%. In March 2011, slightly over 700 tons of recyclable items were collected.

If residents have any questions or concerns about their carts, they are encouraged to visit the website, <http://www.city-buffalo.com/recycle> or call 311.

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