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USR to get stricter on recycling violators

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UPPER SADDLE RIVER – The mayor and council will waste no time in enforcing recycling laws. During the Nov. 12 meeting, Mayor Frank Grout reported the decline of the town's involvement in recycling by stating the numbers have gone down.

“Residents will be fined when we (the council) find out who is disregarding the law by not recycling,” said Council Member Veronica Tarino.

As a means to conserve energy and reduce pollution, studies from the Environmental Defense Fund (EDF) have shown that in 10 northeastern states alone, recycling adds \$7.2 billion in value to recovered materials through processing and manufacturing activities. Recycling only takes a few minutes each day, reports the Bluestem Home and Business Recycling Companion and suggest helpful hints that can help you become a regular and successful recycler: 1) Learn your community's program. 2) Set up a convenient area in your home for only recyclables. 3) Prepare your recyclables as you go. Cleaning cans and bottles immediately can prevent a mess. Local programs in schools are working smoothly by teaching children what and when to recycle, an Upper Saddle River resident commented, but Mrs. Tarino said, these programs need to be re-emphasized.

“Residents need to regenerate the active programs that already exist so recycling can run smoothly and tonnage can be reduced,” said Mayor Frank Grout. Some states have implemented new garbage and recycling procedures in which residents are restricted to the amount of garbage they place on their curbs and Mayor Grout said he is ready to do the same. “People are going to have to go through their garbage. If one recyclable item is found, a sticker will be placed on their cans and their garbage will be sent back.”

For more information about recycling or a complete copy of New Jersey Recycling Rules – Chapter 26A contact your recycling coordinator.