

Dear Ms. Washburn,

We recently relocated to Whidbey Island. We hope you will grant Recycle Whidbey Curbside Pickup the necessary permits to begin their recycling service. We believe in recycling, but find ourselves tempted to stop since it currently is so time-consuming (we take it ourselves to Island Recycling).

We moved to Whidbey Island last June and contacted Island Disposal for trash removal. The first we heard that they recycle was in The Record a week or two after Recycle Whidbey's advertisement.

When we questioned how their recycling works, we were told we should put everything we want recycled in white plastic bags. Since we've always put all of our trash in white plastic bags, we are less than confident that items we intend for recycling would in fact be recycled.

Recycle Whidbey, on the other hand, sent instructions on how to separate items for recycling and were even willing to pick up the bins at our doorstep. They intend to schedule their pickups on a different day than Island Disposal, which would ensure that trash and recycling would not be mixed up.

I was surprised to read that Whidbey Island has such a low percentage of residents recycling. Clearly something isn't working now, so why not give Recycle Whidbey the opportunity to get a higher percentage of Whidbey Island residents recycling. We have already signed up to start this service if it ever becomes available and are sure many of our Beverly Beach neighbors will welcome it as well.

Yours truly,

Joan Demorest