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DELAWARE SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY AND CITY OF MILFORD LAUNCH CITY WIDE CURBSIDE RECYCLING PROGRAM

The Delaware Solid Waste Authority (DSWA) along with the City of Milford is proud to announce the launch of a city wide curbside recycling program. The program, which will take effect July 13, 2006, will provide more than 3,000 city residents with pick up of their recyclables every other week.

The City of Milford is pleased to provide this service at no extra cost to its residents. Richard Carmean, City Manager said, "Initially council members were not sure that this program could be funded, but we kept on and developed a plan to fund this year long trial" The city will use funds from real estate transfer taxes for this one year trial of DSWA's curbside program.

Mr. Carmean also added "We are looking for this to expand, in a year we would like to make this a weekly service to our residents."

DSWA commends the City of Milford for its decision to begin the curbside program. Delaware Solid Waste Authority Senior Manager of Recycling, Rich Von Stetten, said, "DSWA is extremely pleased to partner with the City of Milford and their proactive approach to recycling. It will be a true honor and pleasure serving the residents of Milford."

The City of Milford will be joining several other cities and towns throughout the state who already participate in DSWA's curbside program. The City of New Castle, Odessa and Townsend as well as the communities of Arden and Bellefonte currently participate in a curbside program through the DSWA. Milford will not only be the first city in Kent County to start such a program, but will be the largest program to date.

Milford will continue its twice a week trash pick-up, and residents can expect to have DSWA trucks picking up their recyclables every other week. With this program Milford hopes to see a reduction in tipping fees that are associated with trash hauling. The more a resident recycles the less household waste they should see going to the landfill.

On July 13 at 8am Mayor Rogers will become the very first curbside pick up for the City of Milford. "I am very pleased with how everything is coming together," City of Milford Mayor Joseph "Ronnie" Rogers said. He went on to say, "I feel that this will be good for all of our residents and in the long run will save us money."

DSWA's curbside recycling program, which began in 2003 and is now available to all Delaware residents, is a voluntary program, which DSWA provides at a nominal fee. Each customer is provided with a bin for glass containers, and different colored bags to collect newspaper, narrow neck plastic bottles, cans and junk mail. The program also allows for customers to recycle their flattened corrugated cardboard. In addition for an extra fee DSWA will also provide pick up of yard waste. For more information on this program, or any DSWA program please call 1-800-404-7080.