



## TOWN OF GRAND RAPIDS 2015 ANNUAL REPORT RECYCLING & SOLID WASTE COMMITTEE

The Committee members appointed in 2015 by Town Chairman Arne Nystrom, were Supervisor Bill Clendenning, Supervisor Patty Lumby and Town resident, Carol Davis. Six (6) committee meetings were held during the report year. The Town of Grand Rapids Board approved a contract December 9, 2014 with Advance Disposal, The Town agreed to a three (3) year contract for residential waste and recyclable material collection commencing January 1, 2015. The contract is available to review on the Town's website [www.townofgrandrapids.org](http://www.townofgrandrapids.org).

In 2015 the contractor, Advanced Disposal, invoiced the Town \$399,288. Each of the 3048 residential units paid \$131.00 per year for curbside pickup of recyclables and solid waste. In 2016, the fee will remain unchanged.

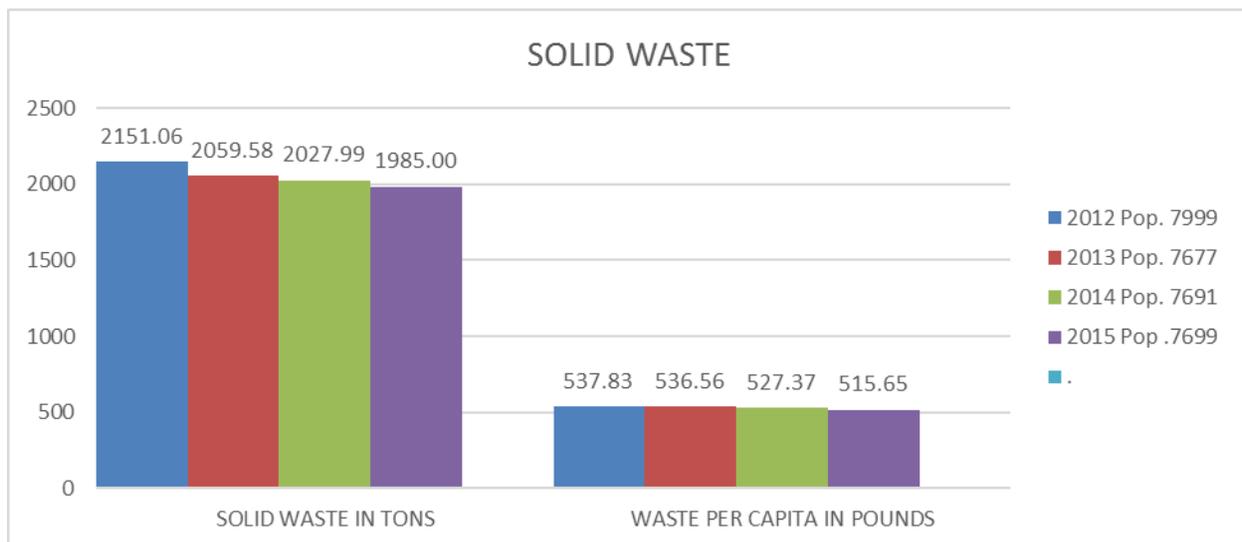
Complaints: "The contractor shall receive and respond to all complaints regarding services provided under the contract. Any complaints received by the Town will be directed to the Contractor's office. Should a complaint go unresolved for longer than two (2) days, the Town will have a right to demand an explanation or resolution to its satisfaction."

Holidays: "The following holidays will be observed by the contractor: New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Day. Collection of waste and recyclables will be one day later during the week of a holiday for all collection days falling on or after the holiday."

In 2015, two (2) Choose to Re-Use events were held at the Town garage. These successful event kept hundreds of items out of the local landfill. Recycled items included, household appliances, clothing, furniture, lawnmowers, bicycles and more. Oil, tires, and batteries were also collected. Our 2016 Choose to Re-Use events will run concurrently with the Town of Grant on May 21st and September 17th.

Clean Green Action Group received a 2015 Recycling Excellence Award for Innovation from the Wisconsin Department of National Resources for "Choose to Re-Use" Program. This Program is a great example of municipalities and towns sharing an idea for the good of all residents. The DNR recognizes this as a valuable program and an innovative approach to recycling.

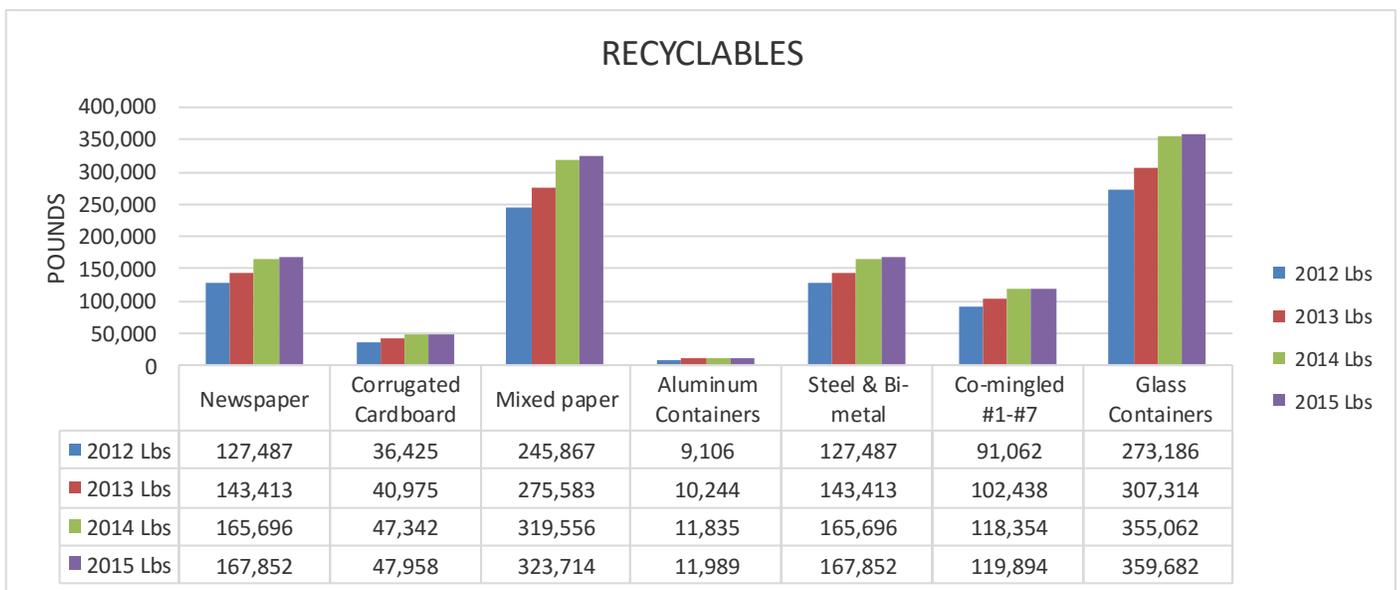
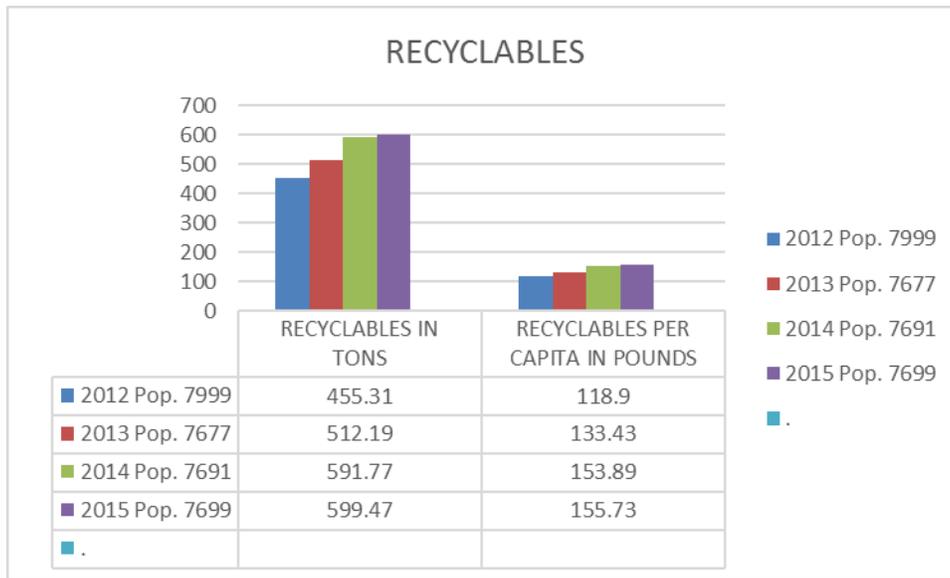
We would like to thank local businesses, the Grand Rapids Police Auxiliary, Public Crew and the Volunteer Fire Department for their contributions.



**It costs the tax payers LESS money per ton to recycle than to dispose of solid waste. Please keep recycling.**



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2016 a goal of the committee is to apply for grant funding through DNR (Recycling Consolidation Grant 2017) Recycling Committee members have been communicating with State and local agencies to collaborate Choose to Re-Use efforts with the work of Clean Green Action. Members of the Grand Rapids Town Board and the Recycling & Solid Waste Committee continue to participate with Clean Green Action.

For additional information, visit these sites

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8PVZxNGbPA0>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8IB97tSCrV4>

<https://www.facebook.com/cleangreenwr>

[http://issuu.com/caroldavis/docs/choose\\_to\\_reuse\\_booklet\\_final](http://issuu.com/caroldavis/docs/choose_to_reuse_booklet_final)

Respectfully submitted by:

The Recycling & Solid Waste Committee and Town Resident Members

April 19, 2016