

Curb It Recycling Policy

Policy

It is the policy of the Polk County Board of Supervisors to allow for the payment of Curb it!® fees for individual residents within the service area for the Curb it!® Program who are unable to contribute to the public welfare. Payment is reserved for low income/elderly and low income/handicapped or disabled residents who qualify through the Department of Community, Family & Youth Services, General Assistance.

Definition

Curb it!® Program - A recycling program for residents within the unincorporated area of Polk County established by the Polk County Board of Supervisors through a mandate by the State of Iowa.

Elderly - Any person who is 60 years of age or older.

General Assistance - The Division within the Department of Community, Family & Youth Services.

Handicapped or Disabled - An individual regardless of age who is unable to engage in any employment by reason of any medically determinable physical or mental impairment which can be expected to result in death or which has lasted or is reasonably expected to last for a continued period of not less than 12 months or the applicant is already receiving some form of disability income such as SSI.

Low Income – An individual unable to contribute to the public revenue as defined through the State of Iowa's state income level for property tax credit.

Service Area - A route established by the Polk County Board of Supervisors where it is feasible to provide curbside recycling.

Purpose

The Polk County Board of Supervisors provides recycling services to residents who live within a designated service area of unincorporated Polk County through the Curb it!® Program. Residents within this area are assessed an annual fee for the services that are made available. A need exists in the program to allow for certain individuals to receive an exemption from having to pay the Curb it!® fee. This policy provides for a remedy in these situations by having Community, Family and Youth Services pay the fee upon application and approval.

Procedures

- 1) Those seeking payment for the Curb it!® Program fee due to their inability to participate in the program must contact the Community, Family & Youth Services Department, General Assistance.
- 2) The Polk County Board of Supervisors will review the applicant's ability to pay for the Curb it!® fee on a case-by-case basis.

- 3) The guidelines for exemption from the Curb it!® Program shall be reserved for the low income/elderly, low income handicapped or disabled as outlined by the current standards set through the property tax suspension program administered by General Assistance.
- 4) Assistance may be given to those individuals who qualify through Polk County's General Assistance Program for the payment of their annual Curb it!® utility billing.

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