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PUBLIC INPUT SESSION @ NEXT COUNCIL MEETING



Recycling and Bulk
Container Pick- Up Services



TUESDAY

03

FEBRUARY

YOUR INPUT
IS NEEDED.

Can't attend the meeting in person?
Feedback can be given through the online form @
www.townofpendleton.org/recyclinginput by
February 2, 2026 @ 5PM.

TOWN OF PENDLETON

RECYCLING FACT SHEET

Did you know?

The last Town of Pendleton recycling truck that was accepted by the Anderson County Recycling Center was August 27, 2025. **All loads from August 27, 2025 to current were deemed contaminated.**



Curbside Recycling Weekly Cost Estimate

Personnel Cost:

1 truck X 9 hrs X 4 days X 3 team members = \$2,700+benefits

Vehicle Gas Estimate:

100 gallons X \$3.50 per gallon = \$350 per week

Receptacle Replacement Cost = \$100 per week

\$3,150 wk
\$163,800 yr
+ \$15,000+ yearly maintenance

Did you know?

In 2025 the total tonnage of recyclable loads vs. contaminated loads was...

Total Recycling Set Out for Curbside Pick-up

235.37

Tons Processed for Recycling

= 98.56

Tons Deemed Contaminated

+ 136.81



Bulk Container Information

The Town services 58 bulk container pickups weekly—25 four-yard and 33 six-yard containers—operating Monday through Friday during standard sanitation hours. These containers are collected using an outdated rear-loading, winch-based system that requires three employees per pickup, making the process labor-intensive and less efficient compared to modern front-loading systems that require only a single operator.



Landfill 2025 Totals



Sanitation Tonnage 2025

Contaminated Recycling Tonnage

Landfill Total

$$2200.73 + 136.81 = 2337.54$$

$$\$24.86 \text{ per ton} \times 2337.54 = \$58,111.24$$

$$\text{Recycling (if converted to landfill)} \gg \$24.86 \times 98.56 = \$2,450.20$$

Self-service Recycling Center

The self-service recycling center at 600 East Queen Street in Pendleton, SC offers a convenient local spot for residents to responsibly dispose of common recyclables. This self-service site is operated by Anderson County. The center serves as a drop-off for materials like plastic bottles and jugs, aluminum and steel cans, mixed paper, cardboard, and glass, helping the community divert waste from landfills and support local recycling efforts. This option will continue to be available.



Are more self service sites an option?

Additional self-service recycling sites are the responsibility of Anderson County. While the Town of Pendleton has explored options to expand recycling access, sponsoring a new site would require it to be staffed and brought into compliance with modern recycling center standards. These requirements significantly increase operational and capital costs, making the project not feasible when weighed against the expected community benefit.



All Anderson self service sites total tonnage for 2025-8,325

What input are we seeking?

- Do you believe curbside recycling provides enough benefit to residents and the community to justify the cost of public funding?
- What are your thoughts on eliminating curbside recycling and instead relying solely on the Recycling Center on E. Queen St.?
- What is your opinion on eliminating bulk container pickup service and transitioning to a roll-cart-only garbage collection system?

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