

## MEMORANDUM

To: Lorain County Cities, Villages and Townships

From: **Daniel L. Billman, LCSWMD Director**

Subject: Lorain County Solid Waste Management District  
Grant Funding Guidelines for 2008-2012 and Volume Based System  
Program Specifications

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### **POLITICAL SUBDIVISION REQUIREMENTS FOR VOLUME BASED SYSTEM GRANT FUNDING AND INCENTIVE FUNDING**

All political subdivisions seeking the increased grant funding and incentive funding under the Volume Based System must comply with the following:

1. Match is not required for grants after the Volume Based System program is implemented.
2. Volume Based System programs must be implemented by January 1, 2010. (15 months from now)
3. Political subdivisions will receive a significant reduction in their grant allocation for 2010, if a Volume Based System is not implemented or a pilot study for eligible communities is not implemented by the January 1, 2010 deadline.
4. Trash and Recycling must include a resolution, memorandum of understanding, or a contract with the hauler, **(copy provided to the District)** that includes:
  - How the services for trash and recycling will be charged? State the charges for the contract or services. The hauler may only charge for trash services which shall include recycling in the base rate. (The guidelines offer an exception to this requirement if a different hauler is used to collect recyclables)
  - If the cart system is selected, a listing of the multiple size carts offered.
  - Number of collections for recyclables per month.
  - Type of container system if not using the cart system.
  - A list of the recyclable materials accepted. Must include:
    - No. 1 and No. 2 Plastic s
    - Newspapers
    - Magazines
    - Cardboard
    - Junk Mail
    - Aluminum Beverage Containers

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- Bi-Metal Food and Beverage Containers
- Paperboard (not on the original list, but District strongly encourages political subdivisions to require this as part of their agreements with waste haulers.

5. Other items to consider.

- Bulk pickup days.
- Other recyclable materials including all plastics
- Amnesty Days for heavy holiday and other celebrations.

6. Yard Waste Management (Optional) must include a resolution, memorandum of understanding, or a contract with the hauler, **(copy provided to the District)** that includes:

- A statement indicating the yard waste will be managed in accordance with Ohio's law and regulations.
- Curbside collection of yard wastes at a minimum of one collection each month (April – December)
- Communities must track yard waste collected and provide quarterly reports to District.

### REVISIONS TO GRANT GUIDELINES

The Lorain County Solid Waste Management District is providing a revised copy (attached) of the Grant Funding Guidelines for 2008-2012 and Volume Based System (VBS) Program Specifications. The guideline revisions were approved by the Lorain County Commissioners.

The implementation of any changes to these guidelines is the responsibility of the County Commissioners who direct the District. The narrative changes include:

1. Some minor grammatical edits.
2. Including as an allowable use of the grant funds a credit to residential recycling customers. Originally, the guideline included the language of a rebate. The addition of the opportunity for a credit broadened the understanding that communities could provide a credit on the residential customer's bill.
3. Under Part A of the VBS guidance, the language was changed to the following: "Curbside recycling services shall be included in the base container system rates unless those services are segregated." This allows for more flexibility to communities who would wish to collect recyclables themselves or hire a recycler that is different than the

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trash hauler. The language under this paragraph continues, “When a different recycling resource is used, the resident is responsible for any applicable charges”. This is to clarify that the resident must see and pay for the charges for the recycling program. The language under the final sentence in the paragraph deletes the statement that a city cannot fund the program through property taxes. The committee felt that the resident will see appropriate charges for recycling on a property tax bill and that meets the intent of the VBS guideline. **General fund monies remain a prohibited use for payment of the recycling and trash program.**

4. The following changes were made to Part C. Recycling System of the VBS guideline. Weekly service was removed and the guideline now states, “Minimum of bi-weekly (twice per month) curbside pickup.” This puts the guideline in-line with what Ohio EPA is expected to propose in their guidance plan format document. This gives communities more flexibility in respect to cost of collecting recyclables.

This section also changes the second bullet as follows: No charge for recycling service, if the same hauler is used for trash collection. This clarifies that, if the same hauler is used, the pricing must be combined to the customer. The intent for having the resident to receive and pay for the bill is to free communities from having to pay for the service and subsidize it out of the grant. Political subdivisions should not have the need to approach the Commissioner’s for regular increases in grant funding as they have in the past.

5. Language was added to clarify that the Yard Waste Management System is not mandatory but strongly encouraged. The narrative now states, “An additional goal of the VBS program is for each political subdivision in Lorain County to offer curbside yard waste management collection for single family residents. The program outlined below is optional, but strongly encouraged. The first sentence under the yard waste management system was deleted because of the previous narrative adjustment.

### DISTRICT ASSISTANCE

**Prior to signing a contract with the hauler, political subdivisions are encouraged to share the draft agreement with the District to ensure the contracts and agreements meet the Volume Based System specifications prior to executing the Agreement. For assistance contact the District at 440-329-5440.**

cc: Lorain County Solid Waste Management Policy Committee