

Bullet points for mayor's introduction of new recycling contract:

- This contract will take the place of one between the City of Jonesboro and Abilities Unlimited, approved in Council RES-15:083 on May 19, 2015. Abilities Unlimited had given notice to the City that it would be unable to continue operations under that contract after April 1 because it was losing money.
- The Legacy Landfill board voted in February to charge an additional fee of 50 cents per ton on everything collected at the landfill for recycling.
- Legacy Landfill will give the City of Jonesboro, as well as other participating cities, 34 cents per ton in return for recycling.
- Legacy Landfill will keep 16 cents per ton for administration and education on recycling.
- The proposed new contract would take effect May 1, 2016, and continue for three years. After that, it would be automatically renewed in 2-year increments under the same terms unless one party gives notice of proposed amendments.
- The City reserves the right to amend, alter or modify the contract at any time upon 30 days' notice to the Contractor.
- Under the new contract the City would continue to pay Abilities Unlimited \$4,900 per month for residential pickup of recyclables and delivery to its facilities for sorting.
- However, the new contract would specify that pickup be done on a bi-weekly basis, rather than weekly.
- The Contractor would be responsible for picking up and recycling the following: newspapers, magazines, catalogs and telephone books; cereal boxes, office paper, junk mail, cardboard boxes and brown paper bags; clear, brown and green glass; aluminum and tin cans; plastics; and Aseptic Packaging and gable top containers.
- In addition, the City would pay Abilities Unlimited 31 cents per ton from the recent Legacy Landfill rate increase for sorting and selling recyclables at the Contractor's facilities.
- The City would be responsible for advertising this service and the rules for recycling.
- Abilities Unlimited would be responsible for making a quarterly report to the City detailing the services provided and materials collected.