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## Blue bin containers Sunday pick-up

As a strong supporter of recycling and for the efforts of Dennis Pino at the Sanitation Department to get the program this far, against all opposition from the mayor's office and even his own department, I take exception to the blue bin containers placed around the northside of Cheyenne not being emptying on weekend days - either Saturday or Sunday.

The fact that the containers fill up is further proof of the support for recycling in Cheyenne and nothing should be allowed to happen to discourage residents from taking the time to participate in recycling.

A solution will only have to deal with the next couple months or so if residential blue lid containers are provided to those residences north of Pershing this Spring. Not that those residents are the only ones using the blue bin containers. County residents and others choose to dispose of their cardboard, plastic, glass and cans in those bins - some want to help Magic City by providing the recycling to them rather than have it transported to Denver - also contribute to filling those bins.

Whoever uses the bins, they must be available for dumping recyclable materials. Period. No ifs, ands or buts. Whatever it takes - overtime, rotation of drivers, salaried employees, whatever.

The blue bin containers must be emptied if they fill on Sunday and offer no room

for people trying and wanting to recycle.

Dennis, you're a good manager and an even better recycling proponent. You must solve this problem. If it is a matter of the Public Works director refusing to authorize the necessary cost over the next eight to twelve weeks, bring in the mayor.

If the Sunday in question was an aberration and no other Saturday or Sunday has filled the bins, that's a different story. And that is possible. The holiday cardboard boxes and wrapping paper as well as other increases in disposable plastic bottles and aluminum cans may have created a one-time problem that requires no special action. If that is the case, so be it.

But, if there is even the likelihood those blue bins will fill again on a weekend day, find a way to pick up and empty those bins on those days or place additional bins. Move the ones from the transfer station that are not accessible after hours or on weekends to the place (likely Kmart) that generally fills up first.

Recycling has been embraced by many, if not most, in Cheyenne. It is noticeable that more and more of the blue lid containers are curbside now than when the program was introduced a few months ago. If residents consider the cost, they will cooperate. As pointed out in our last issue, the true cost to recycle might be \$1.00 to \$2.00 a month - no more.

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