



# TRASH TALK



*Trash Talk serves commercial and residential Thompson's Sanitary Service customers in Newport and the surrounding area. It is published four times a year.*

## DID YOU KNOW...

- Cardboard recycling route continues for our commercial customers? Does your company generate more cardboard waste than will fit in your blue recycling cart? If the answer is "yes", please call our office to find out about our commercial cardboard-only recycling route.
- You can swap items over the internet with people right here in Lincoln County? It's called Freecycle™ and you can access their website at [www.freecycle.org](http://www.freecycle.org). It's a grassroots movement of people who are giving (& getting) stuff for free in their own towns. Membership is free. It enables you to find a new home for something -- whether it's a chair, a fax machine, piano, or an old door -- you simply send an e-mail offering it to members of your Freecycle™ group.



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Thompson's Sanitary Service customers have seen quite a change in their recycling over the last three months. Not only are blue carts dotting Newport neighborhoods, but they are full of more recycling than



## Commingled Recycling: proving to be tons easier!

for making this such a win-win situation for our entire community," says Rob Thompson.

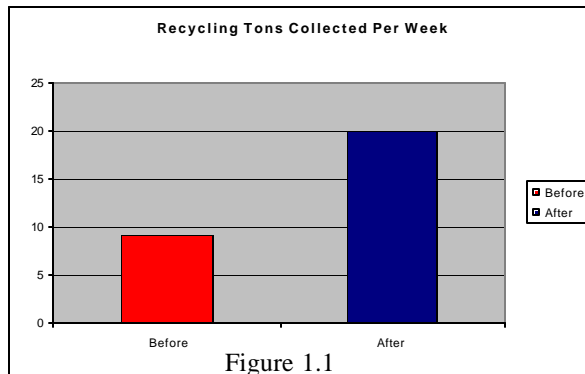


Figure 1.1

At left and below you will notice figures 1.1 and 1.2 which represent *Recycling Tons Collected Per Week* and *Recycling Customers Per Week*, respectively. Figure 1.1 represents the tons collected per week by Thompson's Sanitary with the red bin system (before) and the blue cart commingle system (after) since its implementation.

ever! Since changing from the red bin sorted system to the new commingled recycling system, our customers have taken it upon themselves to more than double their recycling participation. We can only assume this increase comes from less going into their garbage cans, therefore saving precious landfill space. "We are

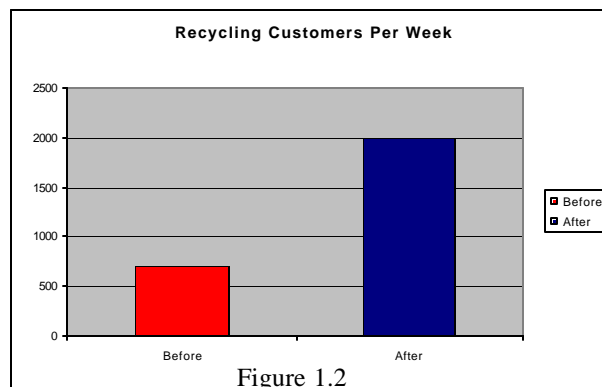


Figure 1.2

Figure 1.2 represents the actual number of Thompson's Sanitary Service customers who recycle each week. The "before" are customers participating with the red bin system and "after" are the customers participating since the blue cart commingled system was implemented. "We are really encouraged by

very pleased by the response from our customers and we want to thank them

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## Meet...

### Jerry Bowers

**Length of employment at Thompson's:** 6 years

Jerry is one of Thompson's most recognizable faces as he puts on the miles in and around Newport doing residential and commercial garbage routes.

Jerry and his wife Yon met in Korea in 1980 when Jerry was in the Army. They have lived in Newport since January 1989.

Among Jerry's hobbies are hunting, fishing, camping, and he hopes to start piloting radio control planes in the near future.

Jerry also volunteers twice a year for Thompson's by participating in the SOLV Beach Clean-up as well as the Newport Marathon.



### Did you put your recycling cart out for service... but it didn't get picked up?

Here are some common reasons; Your recycling cart may be:

- Facing backwards—make sure the arrow on the top of the cart points to the street;
- Too far from the street;
- Too close to a mailbox/car/garbage can, etc.; or
- Not out by 6 a.m. of your collection day



Please keep in mind the TSS recycling truck needs to drive along side within 3 feet of your cart. It is equipped with an automated arm which extends from the truck to dump the contents of your cart.

Please reference the pictures in the "Recycling guide" or visit our web site. If you don't have a guide, please call our office at (541) 265-7249.

We continue to solve "other issues" not listed above so please do give up! Just give us a call.

## CALENDAR

February 4th & 5th, 2005 10am-2pm

Residential Wood and Yard Waste Program@ Skelton Rd. across Butler Bridge Rd. in Toledo.



February 14th, 2005

St. Valentine's Day!

March 4th & 5th, 2005, 10am-2pm

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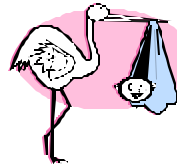


March 5th, 2005, 8:30a.m.-3:30p.m.

Lincoln County Diabetes Update @ the Newport Shilo Inn. This is a community workshop for people living with diabetes. Please call Jane Hodgkins at (541) 574-7124 for more information.

April 1st & 2nd, 2005, 10am-2pm

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**Rob, Aimee, & Jillian Thompson would like to announce the newest member of their family...**



**Miss Piper Lynn Thompson**

**Born: January 14, 2005**

**Weight: 8 lbs. 3oz.**

**Height: 19 1/2 inches**

*Commingled Recycling continued from page 1...*

these numbers," says Thompson, "because we are sending more material to the recycling facility and less to the landfill."

Many of you may be wondering where this material goes and who ends up sorting it in the end. All of Thompson's Sanitary Service's commingled recycling material goes to a sorting facility in Portland where it is put on a system of conveyor belts. Machines and trained workers pick out materials where those materials are sent to specific plants to be recycled. Please check out our website for pictures of this sorting facility.