

## Parks Recycling Tonnage

<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount of Recycled Material collected at parks</u> (in tons) (Cans, plastic bottles and glass- 90% of total recycled= plastic bottles)
2006	1.7
2007	3.2
2008	2.2
2009	1.9
2010	1.8
2011	1.9
<b>2012</b>	<b>2.0</b>

Recycling efforts in parks has seemed to level off over the past 5 years. The recycling season for parks runs from approximately May 15<sup>th</sup> through October 15, with a limited number of containers (40 containers ) strategically placed at selected parks (parks where organized league play is held, regional parks and heavily used local parks). The spike in 2007 was probably due to the novelty of the recycling effort, an increased public relations effort and the related effects of the PR effort (less contamination in recycling containers) and placement of containers within each park.

Again, contamination (disposal of garbage, non-recyclables into our recycling containers) seems to be our biggest issue. When a container has over 5-10% garbage in it, the waste/recycle hauler (Randy's Sanitation) rejects the contents as recycling and disposes it as trash. The goal for 2013 would be to equal 2007 efforts. We will review our container placement within each park, perhaps increase the number of containers (although this is difficult with limited resources/staff) and will increase our effort to promote parks recycling to our organized league participants, neighborhood associations and general public, early in spring of 2013.

The 2 tons of recycled material compared to the 44 tons of garbage collected from our parks during this same period in 2012, May through October, represents 4.5 % of the park waste stream that is being recycled.