**Cardboard Recycling**

Just in time for the holidays, you can now recycle cardboard through the city of Ames. Although there has been no publicity yet, aside from word of mouth, 7,000 pounds is already being kept out of our waste stream on a monthly basis. Think how much more can be done as more families and businesses find out about and choose to recycle.

All types of cardboard are acceptable for recycling. One caveat: the cardboard must all be clean and dry with no food residue (No greasy pizza boxes for example). Large boxes should be folded and flattened to fit through the slots in the cardboard recycling bins.

Places for drop off:

· Duff and Main Street (2 bins)

· Carroll & 5th Street (1 bin) - north side of power plant

· Burnett & Kellogg (1 bin) - north of Main street in the alley

· Parking lot south of Main Street (1 bin) - behind Tom Evans Park

· Backside of Library (1 bin) - next to the book drop off

\*\* Each of the locations have large, light gray bins that are marked for cardboard recycling. More containers will soon be located in parking lots, where people can park and easily unload their cardboard.

What happens to the cardboard?

The City of Ames Electric Department has partnered with the Metro Waste Authority in Grimes Iowa, which takes the gathered bundled cardboard, which is then sent to businesses that use the cardboard to recycle into other products.