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### **Fairfield seeks ways to boost recycling**

**In a work session Monday night, Sept. 22, Fairfield city staff talked a little trash with city council about options that could encourage more participation in the city-wide recycling initiative.**

**Staff presented to council pilot programs three communities — Montgomery, Monroe and Hamilton — in the region are doing by using a 64-gallon container, with the idea that a bigger container can hold more items to be recycled.**

**"We're recycling pretty good, but there's probably a lot of people that aren't," Fairfield Customer Service Manager Dave Crouch said of a survey of residents using the Rumpke-issued 18-gallon red recycling bins. "We could go into a subdivision and find a string of 10 houses in a row and then no houses in a row."**

**Crouch said residents aren't maximizing the use of the bins by breaking down plastic containers and cardboard boxes.**

**Crouch said more data on the pilot programs is needed before fully knowing if the pilot programs will be beneficial for Fairfield.**

**"I think we need to study this a little bit more," Councilman Tim Meyers said. " There are other options, such as having residents purchase the containers on their own at \$80, but Crouch said staff has negotiated with Rumpke to get up to 1,000 new 18-gallon bins a year and provide those to residents. He said residents can get multiple bins at no added charge. Crouch also said residents with the 18-gallon bins can mark personal bins as recycling at no additional charge.**

**In the Butler County Department of Environmental Services' "Recycle to Win" challenge, Fairfield is second to Oxford in the percentage of waste being recycled (16.27 to 12.95). For more information, call the city at (513) 867-5300.**