



# THE ITASCA COUNTY RECYCLING PROGRAM



## HOW TO PARTICIPATE

Thank you for your interest in recycling. It is the objective of Itasca County Environmental Services to encourage the reuse of valuable resources and to reduce the quantity of solid waste that must be landfilled. Your cooperation and effective participation is a contribution toward the achievement of that goal.

A variety of materials can be recycled by a variety of methods. At this time our program accommodates specific types of recyclables. Only sorted materials of those types can be accepted. Inappropriate materials can contaminate and ruin the entire contents of a container. Please exclude all unacceptable materials from the items placed in the containers. At Itasca County Solid Waste Disposal Sites, non-recyclable material may be placed in the green dumpsters for a nominal fee.

Following are examples of acceptable and unacceptable materials for each of our containers.

| <b>CANS</b>                                                                         |                                                                                           |
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| <b>ACCEPTABLE</b>                                                                   | <b>UNACCEPTABLE</b>                                                                       |
| <b>EMPTY CANS - CAN LEAVE LABELS ON.</b>                                            | Paint cans                                                                                |
| Tin cans                                                                            | Aerosol spray cans                                                                        |
| Aluminum cans                                                                       | Cans not completely empty                                                                 |
| Steel cans                                                                          | Any metal other than cans                                                                 |
| Metal clothes hangers                                                               | Gas and oil cans                                                                          |
| <b>GLASS</b>                                                                        |                                                                                           |
| <b>ACCEPTABLE</b>                                                                   | <b>UNACCEPTABLE</b>                                                                       |
| <b>EMPTY - CAN LEAVE LABELS ON.</b>                                                 | Automobile windows or windshields                                                         |
| Empty bottles of any color                                                          | Light bulbs                                                                               |
| Empty jugs of any color                                                             | Glass with any metal attached                                                             |
| Empty jars of any color                                                             | Window glass                                                                              |
|                                                                                     | Crystal                                                                                   |
|                                                                                     | Pyrex                                                                                     |
| <b>PLASTIC</b>                                                                      |                                                                                           |
| <b>ACCEPTABLE</b>                                                                   | <b>UNACCEPTABLE</b>                                                                       |
| Any plastic #1 - 7                                                                  | Motor/hydraulic oil containers                                                            |
| Plastic grocery bags                                                                | Styrofoam of any kind (even if it has a triangle with number in it) including egg cartons |
|                                                                                     | Containers not completely empty                                                           |
| <b>CARDBOARD</b>                                                                    |                                                                                           |
| <b>ACCEPTABLE</b>                                                                   | <b>UNACCEPTABLE</b>                                                                       |
| Clean, dry corrugated, gray cardboard<br>(Cereal, shoe box, "shiny", cracker boxes) | Waxed cardboard                                                                           |
|                                                                                     | Cardboard with food remnants attached                                                     |
| Paper base egg cartons                                                              |                                                                                           |
| Beverage cases                                                                      |                                                                                           |
| Paper bags (including grocery bags)                                                 |                                                                                           |

| <b>THE FOLLOWING PAPER ITEMS CAN BE PLACED IN THE SAME BIN AT COLLECTION SITES</b> |                            |
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| <b>NEWSPAPER</b>                                                                   |                            |
| <b>ACCEPTABLE</b>                                                                  | <b>UNACCEPTABLE</b>        |
| Newspaper, Shoppers                                                                | Hard cover books           |
| Other publications printed on newsprint                                            |                            |
| Catalogs                                                                           |                            |
| Junk Mail                                                                          |                            |
| Other publications printed on newsprint stock                                      |                            |
| Construction paper                                                                 |                            |
| Soft cover books                                                                   |                            |
| Paper bags (including grocery bags)                                                |                            |
| <b>OFFICE PAPER</b>                                                                |                            |
| <b>ACCEPTABLE</b>                                                                  | <b>UNACCEPTABLE</b>        |
| Letterhead                                                                         | Carbon paper               |
| Plain paper                                                                        | Colored tissue papers      |
| Bond copying paper                                                                 | Food wrappers & containers |
| White or colored typing paper                                                      |                            |
| Writing papers                                                                     |                            |
| Computer printout paper (without carbon leafs)                                     |                            |
| NCR paper & forms                                                                  |                            |
| Envelopes                                                                          |                            |
| <b>MAGAZINES</b>                                                                   |                            |
| <b>ACCEPTABLE</b>                                                                  | <b>UNACCEPTABLE</b>        |
| Magazines                                                                          |                            |
| Phone books                                                                        |                            |
| Catalogs                                                                           |                            |
| Glossy brochures                                                                   |                            |
| Similar items                                                                      |                            |

### **HOW TO RECYCLE**

Recyclable materials should be kept separated and set aside before they become mixed with garbage. Find a convenient location to store the recyclables—under a sink, near the garbage can, or in the garage. Each type of recyclable should be stored in a separate barrel, bucket, box, bag, or shelf space.

When bringing your recyclables to an Itasca County Solid Waste Disposal Site, empty the recyclables in the proper bins and place your containers in the green dumpsters or take them home and use them again.

Another approach is to place all the cans, bottles, jugs, and jars in a single container at your home, bring it to the Itasca County Drop-Off Site, and sort the materials into the proper recycling materials' containers at the site.

Please direct inquiries and comments to Itasca County Environmental Services at 327-2857.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION AND COOPERATION!**