

# 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.

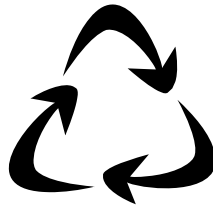
A variety of materials can be recycled by a variety of methods. At this time our program accommodates specific types of recyclables. Only clean, sorted materials of those types can be accepted. Dirty and inappropriate materials can contaminate and ruin the entire contents of a container. Please exclude 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.

CANS	
Yes	No
RINSE CANS. CAN LEAVE LABELS ON.	Dirty cans
Clean tin cans	Paint cans
Clean aluminum cans	Aerosol spray cans
Clean steel cans	Cans with contents remaining
	Cans with food residue
	Clothes hangers
	Any metal other than cans
GLASS	
Yes	No
RINSE CONTAINERS. CAN LEAVE LABELS ON. REMOVE FROM BAGS & OTHER CONTAINERS. REMOVE LIDS.	Automobile windows or windshields
	Light bulbs
	Glass with any metal attached
Clean & empty bottles of any color	Window glass
Clean & empty jugs of any color	Crystal
Clean & empty jars of any color	Pyrex
PLASTIC	
Yes	No
Clean & empty #1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 Plastic with tops off.	Plastic bags of any kind (including grocery & garbage bags).
	Styrofoam of any kind (even if it has a triangle with a number in it).
	Containers not totally empty
	Containers with food remnants remaining
CARDBOARD	
Yes	No
Clean, dry corrugated, gray cardboard (Cereal, shoe box, "shiny", cracker boxes)	Waxed cardboard
	Cardboard with food remnants attached
Paper base egg cartons	Styrofoam of any kind including egg cartons
Beverage cases	
Paper bags (including grocery bags)	

**THE FOLLOWING ITEMS CAN BE PLACED IN SAME BIN AT COLLECTION SITES**

<b>NEWSPAPER</b>	
<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
Newspaper	Books Carbon paper
Shoppers	Catalogs Colored tissue paper
Other publications printed on newsprint stock	Junk mail Construction paper
Paper bags (including grocery bags)	Plastic bags Food wrappers
<b>OFFICE PAPER</b>	
<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
Letterhead	Carbon paper
Plain paper	Colored tissue papers
Bond copying paper	Glossy papers
White or colored typing paper	Construction papers
Writing papers	Food wrappers & containers
Computer print out paper (without carbon leafs)	
NCR paper & forms	
Envelopes	
<b>MAGAZINES</b>	
<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
Magazines	Plastic bags or other packing materials
Phone books	Other categories of recyclable materials
Catalogs	
Glossy brochures	
Similar items	



**HOW TO RECYCLE**

Recyclable materials should be kept separated, cleaned, prepared, and set aside before they become mixed with garbage. Cans and jugs must be thoroughly drained, rinsed, or washed.

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!**