



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.

CANS	
ACCEPTABLE	UNACCEPTABLE
EMPTY CANS - CAN LEAVE LABELS ON.	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
GLASS	
ACCEPTABLE	UNACCEPTABLE
EMPTY - CAN LEAVE LABELS ON.	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
PLASTIC	
ACCEPTABLE	UNACCEPTABLE
Any plastic #1 - 7	Motor/hydraulic oil containers
	Styrofoam of any kind (even if it has a triangle with number in it) including egg cartons
	5 gallon buckets/storage containers
	Plastic grocery bags
	Containers not completely empty
CARDBOARD	
ACCEPTABLE	UNACCEPTABLE
Clean, dry corrugated, gray cardboard (Cereal, shoe box, "shiny", cracker boxes)	Waxed cardboard
	Cardboard with food remnants attached
Paper base egg cartons	
Beverage cases	
Paper bags (including grocery bags)	

THE FOLLOWING PAPER ITEMS CAN BE PLACED IN THE SAME BIN AT COLLECTION SITES	
NEWSPAPER	
ACCEPTABLE	UNACCEPTABLE
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)	
OFFICE PAPER	
ACCEPTABLE	UNACCEPTABLE
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	
MAGAZINES	
ACCEPTABLE	UNACCEPTABLE
Magazines	
Phone books	
Catalogs	
Glossy brochures	
Similar items	

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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. Please keep glass separated from all other recyclables and put in the separate glass bin at the sites, all other recyclables can be commingled.

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 to reuse again.

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

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION AND COOPERATION!