



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 recyclable materials.

| CANS | |
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| 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, 2, 4, 5 (clean, dry, caps on) | Motor/hydraulic oil containers |
| *** any container must be at least 3" high x 3" wide | Styrofoam of any kind (even if it has a triangle with number in it) including egg cartons |
| | Storage containers, Tupperware |
| | 5 gallon buckets, kitty litter pails, plastic totes |
| | 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) | |

| 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) | |
| PAPER | |
| ACCEPTABLE | UNACCEPTABLE |
| Letterhead | Carbon paper |
| Plain paper | Colored tissue papers, wrapping paper |
| Bond copying paper | Food wrappers & containers |
| White or colored typing paper | SHREDDED 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!