

RECYCLING INFORMATION

# Recycling Made Easier with Two-Sort System



You no longer need to separate your recyclable items into different bags. Here is how the system works:

**CONTAINERS:** Put all of your aluminum and tin cans, glass bottles, and plastic bottles with a neck **TOGETHER** in your recycling bin. (**Do not bag these items.**)



**PAPER PRODUCTS:** Put all of your **paper** (junk mail, newspapers, phone books, magazines, etc.) in a paper shopping bag (you can use more than one if you need to) and place it **ON TOP OF** or **NEXT TO** your recycling bin. Flatten and bundle your **corrugated cardboard** and place it **NEXT TO** your bin.

**SORT 1**

**Metal, Glass & Plastic Bottles**

Place **loose** in your recycling bin.  
**NO BAGS PLEASE!!!**

**Recycle These Items:**

*Please remove all lids, caps, metal handles & RINSE before recycling!*

- Aluminum beverage cans & tin/steel cans.
- Glass bottles & jars-three colors: brown, green & clear.
- Plastic bottles with necks (soda bottles, laundry product containers, etc.)

**We Are Not Able To Recycle The Following Items:**  
*Please discard in your trash container.*

**Food Tainted Items:** Aluminum foil, plastic wrap, bags, cups, silverware, & plastic tubs.

**Chemically Tainted Items:** Aerosol cans, paint cans, motor oil or gas containers, & pens.

**Bathroom/Household Items:** Razors, needles, lightbulbs, plastic bags, toys, dishes, & medicine containers.



**Foam Items:** Cups, & packaging materials.

**SORT 2**

**Paper Products** Place in Paper Bags

**Recycle These Papers:**

- Newspapers, magazines, phonebooks, catalogs, & flyers
- Paper of all colors, fax sheets, & envelopes
- Clean paper bags

**Cardboard**

Place **NEXT TO** Your Recycling Bin



**Recycle:**

- Corrugated Cardboard (flatten and bundle, cut to 3' X 3' X 1')

**We Are Not Able To Recycle the Following Items:**  
*Please discard in your trash container.*

**Food Tainted Items:** Pizza boxes, frozen food boxes, cups, coffee filters, tea bags, paper towels, & napkins.

**Beverage and Pop Cartons**

**"Waxy" items:** Milk cartons, waxed paper, drinking boxes, & "waxy" coated paper like **TV Guide & Reader's Digest**.

**Bathroom Items:** String, cotton balls, & bathroom waste paper.

## Rethink, Reduce, Reuse & Recycle

Each Minnesotan creates around **2000 pounds** of garbage every year. Steps to reduce this waste should be thought of in this essential order:

**Rethink**-Think of what could be bought or used instead. For example, use a cloth bag when shopping. Buy refillable containers, bulk items and post-consumer content products. Use electricity rather than batteries whenever possible. Buy rechargeable batteries.  
Leave grass clippings on your

lawn as a fertilizer. This will reduce your yard waste and prevent the use of unnecessary fertilizers.

**Reduce**-Changing your habits is the key- think about ways you can reduce your waste when you shop, work and play. Use the following for ideas:  
Bring your own lunch in a reusable bag, with reusable silverware and reusable beverage holders, plastic containers and cloth napkins.

Carpool, take the bus or bike to school or work. Turn off lights in unoccupied rooms.

Turn off copiers, lights and computers at night.

Encourage suppliers to ship materials in returnable containers. Save and reuse foam "peanuts", bubble wrap and shipping tubes. Use shredded paper for packing materials.

**Reuse**-Using a product more than once prevents the creation of garbage. Many items that we use everyday can be used more than once.

**Recycle**-Collecting, preparing and manufacturing of recyclable materials into new products that are purchased and used. For more information, visit Hennepin County's website at: <http://www.co.hennepin.mn.us>

**Replacement recycling bins are available at City Hall during regular business hours. If you live in a townhome, replacement bins are available through your homeowners association.**

