



MANDATORY RECYCLING

Rules & Regulations

Recycling is mandatory in the City of Madison. The Streets Division provided recycling collection every other week. Failure to follow these rules & regulations may result in your cart not being collected.

Using the Green Recycling Cart

- » Place only acceptable items into the recycling cart. See reverse side for list of acceptable items. Do not place refuse, brush, leaves, yard waste, or other inappropriate items into the cart.
- » Collection schedule calendars that show what day to place carts to the curb are available at cityofmadison.com/collectionschedule.
- » Recyclables must be cleaned from food debris, dirt, and other contaminants.
- » Most recyclables should be placed loose into the cart.
 - Shredded paper must be bagged in a clear or white bag.
 - Appropriate plastic bags should be bundled in another appropriate bag. See reverse side for more information.
- » Avoid placing wire-like items, like cords or wire fencing, into the cart because it damages sorting equipment.

More specifics regarding the use and placement of your collection carts can be found on cityofmadison.com/streets.

How to Handle Cardboard That Does Not Fit into the Recycling Cart

- » Option 1: Take it to a drop-off site and place it into the recycling container.
- » Option 2: Cut it into 3' x 3' squares and tie the pieces into bundles of no more than 6" in height. Stack the bundles of cardboard near the recycling container, or place under the lid of the cart.
 - Excess cardboard at the curb that does not follow this specification may not be collected.
 - If excess cardboard outside of the collection cart is a continuous occurrence, residents should contact the Streets Division to discuss collection options.

How to Handle Recycling That Will Not Fit in the Cart

- » Excess recycling, like extra paper or bottles, should be bagged in clear or white bags. Each bag should not weigh more than 40 pounds.
- » If excess recycling is a persistent issue, contact the Streets Division to see if a larger cart is available or to discuss other collection options.

Recyclable Items That Do Not Belong in the Recycling Cart!

- » **ELECTRONICS:** Televisions, computers, printers, cellphones, and many other electronics must be recycled and they need to be taken a drop-off site. Televisions, computers, and monitors require purchasing a recycling sticker prior to taking them to the drop-off site.
- » **CORDED ELECTRONICS:** Holiday lights, extension cords, power supplies, etc. can be recycled at the drop-off site.
- » **HOUSEHOLD BATTERIES:** Take to drop-off site. Be sure to separate lithium batteries from other batteries, and tape the ends of the lithium ones with clear tape prior to arrival and depositing them into the battery receptacles.
- » **LEAD ACID BATTERIES:** Take to drop-off site and place with vehicle batteries.
- » **STYROFOAM:** Molded bricks of Styrofoam from packaging or egg cartons can be recycled at the drop-off sites. Styrofoam peanuts cannot be recycled.
- » **FLUORESCENT BULBS/TUBES:** Take to a store that sells them to be recycled. Never place into collection carts. Some stores may charge a fee to recycle the bulbs.
- » **CLOTHING:** Can be recycled and/or reused by donating to St. Vincent de Paul, Goodwill, or another local donation opportunity.
- » **WIRE HANGERS:** Take to drop-off site and place into metals container.

Drop-Off Sites

Sites can only be used by City of Madison residents. Proof of residency is required prior to use. Contractors may not use the site. Non-residents and contractors will be denied use of the site. Residents are restricted to one trip a day, and loads must not exceed what would fit into the back of a standard pick-up truck or a 5' x 8' trailer. Oversized loads will be denied use of the site.

- » **East:** 4602 Sycamore Ave.
- » **West:** 1501 W. Badger Rd.

HOURS:

- » **April - November**
 - Monday, 8:30am - 4:30pm
 - Tuesday, 8:30am - 8:00pm
 - Wednesday, 8:30am - 4:30pm
 - Thursday, 8:30am - 8:00pm
 - Friday, 8:30am - 4:30pm
 - Saturday, 8:30am - 4:30pm
 - Sunday, 8:30am - 4:30pm
- » **December - March**
 - Monday, 7:30am - 3:00pm
 - Tuesday, 7:30am - 3:00pm
 - Wednesday, 7:30am - 3:00pm
 - Thursday, 7:30am - 3:00pm
 - Friday, 7:30am - 3:00pm
 - Saturday, Closed
 - Sunday, Closed

Contact Information

- » Areas east of S. Park Street, including the isthmus:
 - Phone: (608) 246-4532
 - Office: 4602 Sycamore Ave.
 - Office hours: Monday-Friday, 7:30am to 4:00pm
- » Areas west of S. Park Street:
 - Phone: (608) 266-4681
 - Office: 1501 W. Badger Rd.
 - Office hours: Monday-Friday, 7:30am to 4:00pm
- » Online: cityofmadison.com/streets

Clean Paper Products

What Can Be RECYCLED in the green cart?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Cardboard cores from paper towels, bathroom tissue, etc. » Cardboard-sided cans » Cereal and cracker boxes » Corrugated cardboard » Envelopes » Gift wrap (no tissue or foil paper) » Greeting cards » Juice boxes, TetraPaks, and other aseptic/gable top cartons 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Junk mail » Magazines and catalogs » Newspapers and all the inserts » Office and computer paper » Outer frozen food boxes » Paper egg cartons » Paper grocery bags » Paper milk and juice cartons (even if they have a plastic spout) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Paper/cardboard backing off retail packages » Phone books » Receipts and bills » Soda cases etc. <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-top: 10px;"> <p>» Shredded paper must be in a clear or white bag. Bag of shredded paper should be no larger than a basketball.</p> </div>
What's TRASH?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Diapers » Photographs (i.e., Polaroids) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Sanitary napkins » Soiled and/or stained cardboard & paper products 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Tissue paper

Clean Glass Products

What Can Be RECYCLED in the green cart?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Bottles - remove the lids (metal bottle caps should be recycled as noted below in Metal Products) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Jars - remove the lids (metal lids can be recycled loose in cart if they are roughly the size of a dairy tub lid, same with most plastic lids) 	
What's TRASH?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Baking dishes » Bottles & jars with food or other products still inside them » Ceramics » Chemical bottles 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Dishes & bowls » Drinking glasses » Flower pots » Incandescent & LED light bulbs (fluorescent bulbs/tubes must be taken to retailer that sells them) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Laboratory glass » Windows & mirrors

Clean Plastic Products

What Can Be RECYCLED in the green cart?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » All plastic clamshell containers » All plastic containers #1 thru #7 » Berry & deli containers » Blister packs (the difficult to open packaging for electronics, toys, etc.) » Bottles (soda, water, etc.) - leave on lids 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Condiment bottles/jars (catsup/ketchup, mustard, etc.) - leave on lids » Cups if they are #1, #2, or #5 » Dairy tub lids » Dairy tubs (cottage cheese, etc.) - lids do not need to be on » Frozen juice containers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Jugs (milk, juice, etc.) - leave on lids » Laundry bottles - leave on lids <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-top: 10px;"> <p>» Most plastic bags - must be bundled into another plastic bag and the resulting bag-of-bags should be approximately the size of a basketball before placing it into the cart.</p> </div>
What's TRASH?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Any plastic container with food or other products still inside them » Bubble wrap 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Cups if they are #3, #4, #6, #7 » Dark green or black bags » Drawstring bags 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Food wrap (i.e., Cling Wrap) » Motor oil bottles » Wrapping from meat products

Clean Metal Products

What Can Be RECYCLED in the green cart?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Aluminum cans » Empty aerosol cans » Empty paint cans & lids » Metal lids from glass jars & bottles » Metal pipe 18" in length and less 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Metal plumbing fixtures » Other metal items weighing less than 10 pounds » Pots & pans » Small metal appliances, such as toasters, mixers, etc. (remove glass) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Small metal items like bottle caps, bolts, spare keys, etc. can be placed into an empty tin can and the top of it tightly pinched closed » Steel/tin cans
What can be RECYCLED at the drop-off site?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Metal items weighing more than 10 pounds » Car parts, like brake pads » Wire hangers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Chain link fencing » Any metal item too big, too heavy, or too wiry for the collection cart 	