



MANDATORY RECYCLING

Rules & Regulations

Recycling is mandatory in the City of Madison. Failure to follow these rules & regulations may result in the cart not being emptied.

How to Recycle Right

- » Place only acceptable recyclables in green cart. Use back of this sheet for guidance.
 - If you put items that do not belong in your recycling, the cart may not be emptied.
- » Get your collection schedule at www.cityofmadison.com/CollectionSchedule.
- » Recyclables must be clean and dry.
- » Most recyclables should not be bagged.
 - Shredded paper must be placed within a clear bag, tied firmly shut, and the full bag must be smaller than a basketball.

Recyclables Outside of the Cart

Streets Division crews will collect excess recycling outside of the cart **two times** in a single calendar year, or at the discretion of the supervisor. This includes cardboard that will not fit into the cart.

You must also follow the below rules. Failure to follow these rules will result in the material being left at the curb:

- » Your recycling cart must be full.
- » You are allowed a maximum of 10 bundles of cardboard outside of your cart.
 - Cardboard bundles must follow these rules:
 - All boxes flattened – do not stuff boxes into another box.
 - They must be approximately 3' wide by 3' long.
 - They must be approximated 6 inches tall
 - They must be tied together with rope, twine, or other means.
- » You are also allowed a maximum of 10 bags of other recyclables in addition to bundles of cardboard. The excess bags must not weigh more than 40 pounds apiece.
 - Recyclables outside of the cart must be placed in a clear bag.

Other Options for Excess Recyclables

- » Take the recyclables that will not fit into the cart to a drop-off site.
- » Upgrade to a larger size of recycling cart. Contact us for details.

Items Banned from Recycling Cart

Item	Instructions
Ashes/dust	Double bag and place in tan trash cart.
Brush	Set out for regular brush pickup or take to drop-off site.
Clothing	Take to donation organization or place into trash.
Computers	Recycle at drop-off site. Requires recycling fee.
Corded electronics	Holiday lights, extension cords, power supplies, etc. Recycle at drop-off site.
Diapers	Tan trash cart.
Electronics	Take to drop-off site or a reputable private e-cycler. Certain items require a fee.
Fluorescent bulbs/tubes	Recycle at any store that sells them. Some stores may charge a fee.
Hoses/rope	Tan trash cart.
Household batteries	Take to drop-off site. Lithium and nickel batteries must have their contact points covered with clear tape.
Lead acid batteries	Recycle at drop-off sites.
Leaves/yard waste	Set out for regular yard waste pickup or take to drop-off site.
Microwaves	Recycle at drop-off site or for large item pickup. Requires recycling fee.
Pet waste	Tan trash cart.
Single-use coffee pods	Tan trash cart.
Styrofoam	Take to drop-off site for recycling. Only molded Styrofoam, including egg cartons, is acceptable for recycling. Peanuts, foam board, and other similar foams belong in the trash.
Televisions	Recycle at drop-off site..
Wire hangers	Recycle at drop-off site.
Wood/lumber	Tan trash cart, large item collection, or take to drop-off site.

Drop-Off Sites

Rules

- » Sites are for City of Madison residents & taxpayers only. Proof of residency or tax payer status required.
- » You are allowed 1 trip a day.
- » The single load must not exceed what would fit into a standard pick-up truck bed or 5' x 8' trailer.
- » Contractors may not use the drop-off sites for their work.

Locations

- » **East:** 4602 Sycamore Ave.
- » **West:** 402 South Point Rd.
- » **Central:** 121 East Olin Ave.

Hours

- » Contact us or check online at www.cityofmadison.com/DropOffSites
- » Hours change seasonally and depend on location.

Keep Cart Lid Closed

Rainwater and snow can ruin recyclables.

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

Recycle More. Recycle Right.

- ✓ Keep clean and dry
- ✓ Avoid bagging
- ✓ Keep cart lid closed



PAPER



Magazines Cardboard
Newspaper Mail
Office Paper Cartons & Cups

PLASTIC



Deli Containers Bottles (lid ON)
Clamshell Packaging Dairy Tubs
Containers #1-#7 Jugs

GLASS



Bottles (remove caps)
Jars (remove lids)

METAL



Aluminum cans/pans Pots & pans
Empty aerosol cans Steel tin cans



Learn More:

www.cityofmadison.com/recycling