



MANDATORY RECYCLING Rules & Regulations

Recycling is mandatory in the City of Madison. The Streets Division will provide recycling collection every other week.

City-Provided Green-Colored Recycling Cart Use:

- » The owner or occupant of each residence using City of Madison services must use the city-provided green-colored recycling cart. All appropriate recyclables should be placed inside the cart. Guidelines for appropriate recyclable items can be found on the reverse side. Refuse, yard waste, and brush are banned from the recycling cart. If you are unsure if your item is recyclable or not, contact us.
- » All recyclables must be cleaned of food debris, dirt, and other contaminants before placing into the cart.
- » Recyclables should be placed loose in the cart, except shredded paper. Shredded paper must be bagged in clear or white bags.
- » Recycling must be put out for collection by 7:00 am on the scheduled collection day.
- » Collection calendars can be obtained at www.cityofmadison.com/streets/refuse/collectionlookup.cfm. Be sure to use your calendar to determine if holidays affect your collection dates.
- » City ordinance states that no container shall be placed at the curb edge more than 12 hours before collection day and shall be removed within 24 hours after collection.
- » The weight of the cart should not exceed 100 pounds to prevent the cart from falling into the collection truck.
- » Please keep your recycling cart lid closed when out for collection and when stored outside. Recyclables, including boxes, should not protrude more than 18 inches from the top of the cart.
- » If your recyclables do not fit into your cart, a larger size recycling cart may be available for you at no cost. Additional carts can also be purchased. Contact the Streets Division for more information.
- » Missing or damaged carts can be replaced or repaired. Residents may need to purchase the replacement cart, depending upon the situation. Contact the Streets Division for more information.

Placement of Green-Colored Recycling Cart:

- » Always place your cart so that the white serial numbers on the front of the cart are facing the street.
- » Place your cart in your driveway or next to it so that it is four (4) feet away from obstacles such as other collection carts, parked cars, mailboxes, and utility poles.
- » Place your carts single file for collection. Please do not stack the carts one behind another.
- » While not ideal, your carts could also be placed in the gutter immediately next to your driveway if you need to prevent the carts from being blocked behind parked cars. Carts in the gutter interfere with traffic, street sweeping, and snow plowing operations. Also, they may roll away during inclement weather. Please refrain from placing carts in the gutter line unless absolutely necessary to ensure collection.
- » If you live in the Clean Streets/Clean Lakes street sweeping zone, do not place your carts in the gutter during scheduled sweeping times.
- » Improperly placed carts may not be collected.
- » Winter cart placement:
 - The best placement is on your driveway apron after you have cleared it of snow.
 - It can also be placed on a cleared area of your terrace.
 - After your street has been plowed, you can place it in the gutter right next to your driveway.
 - Do not place your cart on the sidewalk or on top of a snow bank.
- » Alley placement:
 - Carts must be placed at the alley edge.
 - Carts on private property or by the garage will not be collected.

Drop-off Site Locations (check website or call for hours):

- » www.cityofmadison.com/streets
- » streets@cityofmadison.com
- » East & Isthmus: 4602 Sycamore Ave., (608) 246-4532
- » South & West: 1501 W. Badger Rd., (608) 266-4681

Recyclable items that should NOT go into your green cart!

- » **Electronics**
Many electronic items are banned from the landfill, including computers, TVs, and cell phones. They need to be brought to a drop-off site for recycling. All electronic gadgets can be recycled if brought to one of the drop-off sites. Some electronics, such as TVs and computers, have an additional fee that must be paid prior to recycling.
- » **Corded electronics**
Holiday lights, extension cords, power supplies, etc. can be recycled at a drop-off site.
- » **Excess cardboard**
Can be brought to a drop-off site. For curbside collection: flatten all boxes; cut them down to a 3' x3' size; and tie into bundles 6" in height or less and place them next to the recycling cart or under the lid of your green cart on recycling day.
- » **Rigid plastics**
Coolers, children's toys, clean 5 gallon buckets, and all clean rigid plastic material can be recycled at a drop-off site.
- » **Batteries**
Household batteries, including rechargeable batteries, can be recycled at the drop-off sites, Batteries Plus, or other vendors. Please remember to tape the ends of lithium batteries and all household batteries with a voltage higher than 12 volts prior to arriving at a drop-off site.
- » **Styrofoam**
Only molded "chunks" can be recycled at a drop-off site. Styrofoam peanuts should be bagged and placed into your refuse container or taken to a shipping store for reuse.
- » **Fluorescent bulbs/tubes**
Do not place these into your refuse or recycling cart. You must return them to a store that sells them. Ordinances require retailers who sell them to take them back to be recycled. Some retailers may charge a fee for this service.
- » **Clothing**
Can be recycled and/or reused by donating to St. Vincent de Paul, Goodwill, or other local donation sites.

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;"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Shredded paper must be in a clear or white bag. Bag of shredded paper should be no larger than a basketball. </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;"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> » 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. </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's TRASH?	<p>Some metal items cannot go into the cart, but they can be recycled if brought to the Metals bin at a drop-off site. For example, wire hangers and fencing cannot go into the cart because they can get tangled in the recycling plant's sorting machinery. Car parts, like brake pads, cannot go into the cart because they are too heavy and contain contaminants. But you can bring those items and all metal items that cannot go into the cart to the Metals bin at a drop-off site for recycling.</p>		