



MANDATORY RECYCLING

Rules & Regulations

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

How to Recycle

- » Place only acceptable items into the green recycling cart. See back of this page for a list of what you can recycle in the green cart.
 - Placing items in the cart that do not belong may result in the cart not being collected.
- » Recyclables should be clean of food & debris.
- » Most recyclables should not be bagged when inside the green cart.
 - Shredded paper must be bagged in a clear or white bag.
 - Recyclable plastic film should be bundled into a recyclable plastic bag, like a grocery store plastic bag.
 - Look at the back of this page for more information.

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

How to Recycle Cardboard

- » Cut cardboard pieces down to fit into green recycling cart.
- » If you have more cardboard than can fit into the recycling cart, choose one of these options:
 - Take the cardboard to a drop-off site.
 - Flatten all of the boxes. Do not stuff multiple boxes into one bigger box. Cut the flattened boxes into squares that are approximately 3' x 3'. Tie the flattened and cut cardboard into bundles that are around 6 inches tall.

How to Recycle More Than Can Fit in the Cart

- » Take excess recycling to drop-off site.
- » Bag excess recycling in clear or white bag outside of recycling cart. Bags should not weigh more than 40 pounds.
- » Get a larger recycling cart or purchase an extra one.

Do Not Place in 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	Donate to local thrift store or tan refuse cart
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	Printers, cell phones, vacuums, and other electronics. Recycle at drop-off site
Fluorescent bulbs/tubes	Recycle at any store that sells them
Hoses/rope	Tan trash cart
Household batteries	Recycle at drop-off sites
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	Recycle at drop-off sites. Styrofoam peanuts belong in the trash
Televisions	Recycle at drop-off site. Requires recycling fee
Wire hangers	Recycle at drop-off site
Wood/lumber	Tan trash cart, large item collection, or take to drop-off site

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. The 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 » Plastic shell/plastic security packaging » Bottles (soda, water, etc.) - leave on lids » Condiment bottles/jars (catsup/ketchup, mustard, etc.) - leave on lids 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » 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 » Jugs (milk, juice, etc.) - leave on lids » Laundry bottles - leave on lids 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Plastic bags & plastic film: Option 1: Bundle together with other plastic bags and film, and take to any store with plastic bag recycling. Option 2: Bundle together into another plastic bag. Bundle should not be larger than a basketball. Place bundle in recycling cart.
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 foil (balled up to about the size of a baseball) » Aluminum, steel, and tin cans (including clean paint cans & empty aerosol cans) » Metal lids from jars & bottles 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Metal pipe 18" and less » Metal items weighing less than 10 pounds » Pots & pans » Small metal appliances, such as toasters (please remove glass) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Small metal items like bottle caps, bolts, old keys should be placed into an empty tin can and the top tightly pinched close.
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 	