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

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<td>Set out for regular brush pickup or take to drop-off site</td>
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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

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## Clean Paper Products

### What Can Be RECYCLED in the green cart?
- 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
- 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)
- Paper/cardboard backing off retail packages
- Phone books
- Receipts and bills
- Soda cases, etc.

### What's TRASH?
- Diapers
- Photographs (i.e., Polaroids)
- Sanitary napkins
- Soiled and/or stained cardboard & paper products
- Tissue paper

### Shredded paper must be in a clear or white bag. The bag of shredded paper should be no larger than a basketball.

## Clean Glass Products

### What Can Be RECYCLED in the green cart?
- Bottles - remove the lids (metal bottlecaps should be recycled as noted below in Metal Products)
- 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?
- Baking dishes
- Bottles & jars with food or other products still inside them
- Ceramics
- Chemical bottles
- Dishes & bowls
- Drinking glasses
- Flower pots
- Incandescent & LED light bulbs (fluorescent bulbs/tubes must be taken to retailer that sells them)
- Laboratory glass
- Windows & mirrors

## Clean Plastic Products

### What Can Be RECYCLED in the green cart?
- 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

### What's TRASH?
- Any plastic container with food or other products still inside them
- Bubble wrap
- 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
- Food wrap (i.e., Cling Wrap)
- Motor oil bottles
- Wrapping from meat products

### 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.

## Clean Metal Products

### What Can Be RECYCLED in the green cart?
- 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
- Metal pipe 18” and less
- Metal items weighing less than 10 pounds
- Pots & pans
- Small metal appliances, such as toasters (please remove glass)

### What can be RECYCLED at the drop-off site?
- Metal items weighing more than 10 pounds
- Car parts, like brake pads
- Wire hangers
- Chain link fencing
- Any metal item too big, too heavy, or too wiry for the collection cart

- Small metal items like bottle caps, bolts, old keys should be placed into an empty tin can and the top tightly pinched close.