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Recycling is mandatory

THE LOCAL CHOICE

Why recycle household items?

- According to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 75% of what goes into U.S. landfills can be recycled
- Sioux Falls has a mandatory recycling ordinance designed to help lengthen the life of our landfill and save you money on waste disposal costs

This is a list of all the items that can be recycled and placed together in one bin as comingled:

- All plastics, #1 – #6 (these can be no larger than a 5 gallon bucket)
- Tin cans, steel cans and aluminum cans (these need to be rinsed and free of food)
- Glass jars and bottles (these cannot be windows, mirrors, glassware or ceramics)
- Clean aluminum foil and trays
- Empty plastic grocery bags and trash bags (these cannot have trash in them).
- All paper, including: newspaper, magazines, catalogs, phone books, junk mail, white or pastel office paper, shredded paper (contained in a clear plastic bag) and paper bags.
- Flattened, corrugated cardboard and chipboard, such as cereal boxes (these must be clean and no food or grease present)
- Empty aerosol cans
- Cardboard egg cartons

See back side for a list of items we accept and cannot accept >>



Flattened corrugated cardboard & brown paper bags



Newspapers and inserts, magazines, brochures & catalogs



Phone Books
(no more than 2 books per pick-up, per resident)



Office papers & junk mail



Paperboard



Glass bottles & jars



Aluminum & steel cans
(do not flatten or crush)



Plastic Bottles



Plastic tubs & containers



Clean aluminum trays & balled foil
(3" or larger)



Place plastic bags in plastic bags



Shredded paper
(Must be in clear plastic bag)

Below is a list of items we cannot accept:

- Recyclables in sacks w/ exception of plastic sacks and shredded paper
- Books (We can recycle them separately)
- Scrap metal
- Plastics other than those listed
- VCR tapes, CDs and CD cases
- Wax paper and cartons (ice cream, milk or juice)
- Mirrors, ceramics, light bulbs and window glass
- Hazardous or bio-hazard waste
- Tyvek® envelopes
- Needles and syringes
- Stickers or sheets of labels
- Wire spiral binding
- Large metal clips
- Tissues, napkins and paper towels
- Wood
- Toys
- Paper-ream wrappers
- Brown or orange envelopes
- Styrofoam or paper to-go containers
- Electronics
- Loose shredded paper
- Diapers
- Food contaminated paper or cardboard
- Yard hoses
- Clothing
- Food