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## What Are Recyclables Used to Make

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### Aluminum Cans

- Are shredded, cleaned, melted and mixed with a pure aluminum base, then recast into new aluminum products.

### Corrugated Cardboard

- Can be recycled into new corrugated cardboard, boxboard, puzzles and things such as egg cartons

### Glass Food/Beverage Containers

- Are crushed into a material called cullet and made into new food/beverage containers

### Magazines, catalogs and Phone Books

- Are recycled into items such as food/gift boxes, tissue paper, game boards and greeting cards

### Newspapers

- Are mixed with other grades of paper and used to make new newspapers, paperboard, puzzles, wallboard, gift/food boxes, cellulose insulation and animal bedding.

### Plastic #1 and #2 Containers

- #1 PETE is recycled into carpet, clothing, strapping, tennis balls and other bottles
- #2 HDPE is recycled into new containers, drainage pipe, film, pallets and plastic lumber for picnic tables and decks.

### Steel Food Cans

- Are remade into tinplate containers or used to make new cans for food products, paint, aerosol and other materials

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## What Makes Items Unacceptable for Recycling

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### Gift Wrap

- Is often printed with too much colored or metallic ink, which will contaminate the batch of new paper pulp and greatly increase the amount of “bleaching agent” necessary to whiten the pulp to produce paper.

### Wet Strength, Poly/Wax Coated Paper

- These items are coated with wet-strength chemicals, poly or waxes, which do not break down at the same rate as non-coated paper.

### Ceramics

- Have a higher melting temperature than glass, so when mixed in with recyclable glass the ceramic pieces become embedded in new glass resulting in defective and unacceptable new containers.

### Margarine Tubs, Whipped Cream Tubs, Etc.

- Different processes are used to make different containers, different plastics melt at different temperatures and this all affects how the plastic resin is recycled. Wide mouthed plastic tubs are made by injection molding with a different formula.

# 2019 Residential and Commercial Recycling



**Red Wing Solid Waste Campus**  
**1873 Bench Street**  
**Red Wing, MN 55066**  
**651-385-3658**



### **LOCATION:**

Approximately 2 miles south of Highway #61 on Bench Street (Goodhue County Road #1)

## The City of Red Wing Offers Curbside Collection for Recyclables.

- Separate and clean recyclables
- Place at the curb **before 6:30 a.m.** on the designated recycling day for your area.
- All recycling must be placed in paper bags (plastic bags are acceptable but do not tie them shut), or separate containers.
- Residents may place out unlimited amounts of sorted recycling.
- Residents may use a city recycling bin, their own bin or any container labeled as recycling.
- Large Volumes of Recycling can be brought to the Solid Waste Campus.

If additional recycling bins are needed, they can be purchased at the Solid Waste Campus located at 1873 Bench Street at a cost of \$8.50 each.

## Proper Placement of Your Recycling Bin is Important



Recycling container must be placed at **least 4 feet away** from your garbage can or any other obstruction (pole, mailbox, etc.)

One suggestion is to place your recycling bin on the opposite side of the driveway as your garbage can.

## Newspaper, Cardboard, Office Paper and Magazines

- All fiber products may be combined in a separate container or paper bag. This includes colored paper, inserts, catalogs, shiny paper and envelopes **without** the glossy window.
- Items must be bagged securely or bundled. Flatten and tie boxes in three foot sections for collection.
- Large volumes of cardboard can be brought to the Red Wing Solid Waste Campus.
- **Unaccepted items:** Wrapping paper, paper towels, napkins, cups, paper plates, pizza boxes, waxy cardboard and gift wrap.
- **Accepted items:** Moving boxes, flyers, magazines, newsprint, scrap paper, greeting cards, paper bags, shredded paper, shoe boxes, cereal boxes, catalogs, phone books and other boxes and papers similar to those listed.

## Plastics, Aluminum & Tin Cans

- Plastic, aluminum and tin cans may be combined in a separate container or paper bag.
- Only plastic containers with recycle numbers **1** or **2** are acceptable
- All containers should be cleaned.
- Red Wing's Curbside Collection Program accepts only aluminum/tin food and beverage containers. The Red Wing Solid Waste Campus will accept all types of aluminum, tin and other metals.
- **Unaccepted items:** No plastic swimming pools, tricycles, toys, plastic bags, Styrofoam, or other plastic items without the recycle numbers 1 or 2 on them.
- **Accepted items:** Pop cans, beer cans, food cans, pop bottles, water bottles, milk jugs, laundry containers, coffee cans, ketchup bottles, shampoo containers, etc.



## Glass

- Recycle clear, brown and green/blue bottles and jars.
- Colors **DO NOT** need to be sorted. Glass must be in a bag or container for pick-up.
- Remove caps and lids.
- **Unaccepted items:** Window glass, light bulbs, cosmetic bottles, crystal, dishes, drinking glasses, mirrors, ovenware and ceramic glass.
- **Accepted items:** Beer bottles, pop bottles, glass sauce containers or food containers, wine bottles, liquor bottles, etc.

## Electronics

- Televisions, computers, computer monitors, DVD's, VCR's, printers, fax machines and copiers can be disposed of at the Solid Waste Campus. Call ahead for applicable charges.
- Ask about our Annual Free Electronics Disposal Event.

## Marketing Recyclable Materials

Many household items can be recycled. However it may not be economically possible to collect all types of particular materials. New technology will produce new markets for more materials in the future. In order for a material to be recycled . . .

- A market must exist that will accept the material and use it to make a new product;
- The material must be in demand by manufacturers to produce a saleable product and a sufficient, steady supply of a good quality material must be provided to manufacturer's production needs;
- A material must meet market specifications. It cannot be contaminated with dirt or grease;
- Consumers must purchase products made from recycled materials.