



Can I recycle it?

Plastic Glass Metal Paper

YES:

- plastic bottles & jugs
- Water, milk, soda, juice, and other beverage bottles
- Milk and juice jugs
- Ketchup, mustard, and salad dressing bottles
- Dishwashing bottles and detergent jugs
- Shampoo, conditioner, soap, and lotion bottles

NO:

- Margarine, cottage cheese, and other tubs
- Yogurt, pudding, and fruit cups
- Produce, bakery, or deli trays
- Plastic wrap and bags
- Lids, caps, or toys
- Cups, plates, or utensils
- Packing peanuts (reused at mailing houses)
- Prescription bottles
- Peanut butter jars
- Flower or shrub pots
- Containers that held hazardous products such as motor oil and pesticides

YES:

- Bottles and jars (unbroken), clear or colored

NO:

- Drinking glasses, mugs, dishes, cookware, pottery, or crystal
- Window and mirror glass
- Light bulbs
- Containers that held hazardous products, such as nail polish and paints



The energy it takes to recycle is nothing compared to the energy it saves.

For example: It takes 95% less energy to make aluminum cans from recycling than it does to produce them from raw materials. It also results in nearly 15 times less greenhouse gas emissions. Every can, every bottle, every piece of paper counts. Buy recycled, use less, recycle more.

Remember - Before you buy, use, or discard an item ask yourself:

- **REDUCE:** Can I buy this with less packaging?
- **REUSE:** Can I or someone else use this again?
- **RECYCLE:** Can I recycle this after I use it?
- **BUY RECYCLED:** Can I get this with recycled content?

YES:

- Metal food and beverage containers
- Aluminum foil and trays (unsoiled)
- Empty aerosol cans

NO:

- Pots or pans
- Scrap metal
- Silverware, knives, or scissors
- Appliances
- Electronics

YES:

- Office, copy, and printer paper
- Magazines and catalogs
- Mail and manilla envelopes
- Newspapers, inserts, and glossy slicks
- Phone books and paperbacks
- Cereal, food, shoe, and tissue boxes (flatten)
- Non-metallic and non-foil greeting cards and gift wrap
- Shredded paper (in closed paper bag or box)
- File folders and card stock
- Paper tube cores
- Paper egg cartons
- Corrugated cardboard (flatten - place in separate bin)

NO:

- Milk cartons or juice boxes
- Paper towels, napkins, cups or plates
- Tissue or toilet paper
- Food-soiled or carbon paper
- Wax-coated paper or cardboard
- Pet food bags
- Tyvek envelopes

The Recycle Depot is a service for residents and businesses of Marshall County, and is provided by the Marshall County Solid Waste District. The Recycle Depot also accepts many other problem wastes, to learn more about our programs visit www.recycledepot.info, or call the Recycle Depot at (574) 935-8618. For detailed information on materials currently accepted through your curbside recycling program, how the materials should be sorted, or when they will be picked up, please call your waste service provider.



RETHINK RECYCLING
It matters more than you think.

KNOW WHAT TO THROW & BUY

Help solve our mounting energy and environmental problems. Changing your shopping habits can keep our community cleaner, your family healthier, and stretch your budget further. Check out the following tips to get started.

CHOOSE LESS HARMFUL INGREDIENTS

- Choose products containing the least harmful ingredients in order to reduce environmental impact.
- Product labels provide a quick and easy way to judge the product's hazard level or the type of hazard it poses. Look for signal words - Caution, Warning, Danger, Poison - which indicate the level of hazard to your family and the environment.
- Reduce the number of cleaning products in your home by using one general-purpose cleaner or by making your own non-toxic cleaners with household products such as baking soda, lemon juice, and vinegar.
- Reduce or eliminate pesticides in your yard.

BUY (AND BRING!) REUSABLE CONTAINERS

- Bring reusable beverage bottles or mugs when away from home.
- Buy beverages in refillable containers.
- Bring reusable cloth bags when grocery shopping. Only accept bags when you need them.

BRING HOME GOODS, NOT PACKAGING

- Purchase products from self-serve bins. Use your own containers when possible.
- Purchase items such as dish soap and laundry detergents in concentrate forms.
- Look for products with the least amount of packaging and buy in bulk when possible.

BUY PRODUCTS MADE FROM RECYCLED MATERIALS

- Hundreds of everyday products are made from recycled materials. Look for products labeled "post-consumer" or "recycled-content."
- Buying recycled not only closes the loop on recycling, it saves valuable resources, conserves energy, and reduces pollution.

REUSE, REPAIR, AND RENT

- Before shopping for new, think about used. You can find items at thrift and antique stores, often at low cost.
- Donate unwanted items to a local charity or post them on Freecycle, an internet-based listing service for residents who want to give away or get free reusable goods for their home, garage, or garden.
- Repair broken items rather than throwing them away. Use do-it-yourself guides, search the internet, or contact your local hardware store for assistance.
- Consider renting infrequently used items such as power tools, camping gear, and sporting equipment.
- Properly maintain items to avoid replacement and repair costs.

RECYCLE DEPOT

Monday.....By Appointment
Tuesday - Friday 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Saturday & Sunday.....Closed*

*Open the first Saturday of each month
From 8:00 a.m. until noon.

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