

Recycling Information

What Kind of Recycling Container should be used? MMWA encourages residents to use a 45-gallon container or smaller for their recyclables. The words, "Recyclables Only" need to be added to the container.

Do I need to separate my recyclables? No sorting is necessary! All of your plastic, paper, cardboard, and metal items can go into one container, making recycling easier and more convenient than ever.

What items are recyclable? Residents should focus on recycling cardboard, plastic containers #1 & #2, steel and aluminum cans, and paper. No plastic bags, no glass, no foam and no pizza boxes.

What items should NOT go in my recycling bin? MMWA is pleased to offer a curbside recycling program, but the fact is, there are many items that should not go into your recycling container. We know people are enthusiastic about recycling and want to recycle as much as possible, but it is important to follow the list of accepted materials. If you are unsure about whether an item is accepted, please call MMWA at (989) 781-9555 for clarification instead of being a "wishful recycler." This is not a complete list of prohibited items, but some of the most common **non-recyclables** we see in recycling containers include:

- plastics #3 – #7 * All glass * Batteries * Blue, black or frosted glass *Candy wrappers * Cassette tapes * Ceramics * Clothing/fabric
- Construction materials * Electronics * Foam products (including egg cartons, packing materials and food containers) *Hardcover books
- Laundry soap boxes * Mirrors * Motor oil or cooking oil bottles * Needles/sharps * Paper napkins, tissues or paper towel
- Pet food bags and feed sacks * Pizza boxes – greasy (cut off lid & recycle if clean) * Plastic/cling wrap * Plastic bags
- Plastic straws and utensils * Pots and pans * Potato chip and cookie bags * Propane and helium tanks * VCR and VHS cartridges
- Waxed paper cups * Windows * Wood



How should I prepare my recycling? Plastic and metal containers should be emptied and rinsed. Plastic caps/lids should be left on the container when placing the item in your recycling bin or simply placed in your trash. Do not place loose caps/lids in your recycling. Metal lids may be placed in your recycling container. Cardboard should be broken down and placed in or under your recycling bin or next to your recycling can and should be no larger than 3'x3' in size.

Recycle!