

# Red Wing Recycling Needs Your Help to Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle!

*What You Throw in the Bin Matters!*

The success of Red Wing's curbside recycling programs depends on YOU, the Residents and Businesses of Red Wing, to sort materials properly. So here are some helpful guidelines for everyone to follow in order to get the most out of your recycling efforts.

The Red Wing Curbside Recycling Program is a 3 sort system, which means recyclables set out at the curb need to be placed into one of 3 categories as follows:

<u>Category</u>	<u>Recyclable</u>	<u>Not-recyclable</u>
<p>Paper and Cardboard</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mail (including envelopes w/plastic windows)</li> <li>• Office and school papers</li> <li>• Magazines</li> <li>• Catalogs</li> <li>• Newspapers and inserts</li> <li>• Phone books</li> <li>• Shredded paper</li> <li>• Corrugated cardboard (flattened), large boxes will need to be cut down to no larger than 3' x 3' to fit in the truck.</li> <li>• Boxboard (cereal boxes, cake mix boxes, pasta boxes, and cracker boxes)</li> <li>• Shoe boxes</li> <li>• Cardboard rolls from toilet paper and paper towel rolls</li> <li>• Boxes from toothpaste, medication and other toiletries</li> <li>• Egg cartons (paper)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hard cover books</li> <li>• Paper Towels</li> <li>• Napkins</li> <li>• Toilet Paper</li> <li>• Paper Plates</li> <li>• Waxy cardboard from frozen and refrigerated food items.</li> <li>• Pizza boxes (frozen and delivery)</li> <li>• Boxes soiled with food.</li> <li>• Carryout containers</li> <li>• Gift wrap</li> <li>• Paper cups</li> <li>• Milk and juice cartons</li> <li>• Juice boxes</li> </ul>
<p>Plastic, Aluminum &amp; Tin</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• # 1 &amp; 2 plastic bottles with a neck smaller than the base</li> <li>• Plastic bottles and jugs</li> <li>• Water, soda, and juice bottles</li> <li>• Ketchup and salad dressing bottles</li> <li>• Dishwashing and detergent bottles</li> <li>• Shampoo, lotion, and soap bottles</li> <li>• Aluminum beverage containers</li> <li>• Tin food containers</li> <li>• Empty aerosol containers</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• #2 plastic tubs (cool whip, margarine, cottage cheese, cream cheese, and other tubs)</li> <li>• #3-7 plastics</li> <li>• Yogurt containers, fruit cups, and pudding cups, Candy wrappers</li> <li>• Cellophane wrap, sandwich bags, saran wrap, wax paper, and aluminum foil</li> <li>• Plastic bags of any kind</li> <li>• Microwaveable food trays</li> <li>• Produce, deli, and take-out containers</li> <li>• Toys</li> <li>• Containers that held hazardous automotive and yard products such as motor oil, pesticides, and paint thinner</li> <li>• Pressurized or partially filled aerosol cans (considered hazardous waste)</li> <li>• Styrofoam and packing peanuts</li> <li>• Ice Cream pails and plastic buckets</li> <li>• Tupperware, gladware, Rubbermaid containers, laundry baskets, waste paper baskets.</li> <li>• Small appliances, Scrap metal</li> <li>• Alkaline batteries</li> </ul>
<p>Glass</p> 	<p>Glass</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Green, Brown, and Clear Glass food and beverage bottles and jars</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Drinking glasses</li> <li>• Ceramics</li> <li>• Mirror glass</li> <li>• Window pane glass</li> <li>• Cookware, Pyrex, Pottery, or vases</li> <li>• Containers that held hazardous products such as nail polish and hobby paints.</li> <li>• Light bulbs (fluorescent bulbs are hazardous waste)</li> </ul>

### So Remember the Following Tips...

- Rinse and empty containers, rinsing containers reduces the attraction to bugs and animals.
- Labels do not need to be removed.
- Know which materials are recyclable by checking the list before placing items in the recycling bin.
- Separate materials properly, Paper and Cardboard, Plastic and Tin/Aluminum, and Glass. Improper sorting is the most common reason why recycling is not picked up. So try keeping items separated using multiple bags from the grocery store (but do not tie them shut).
- Know when your recyclables are picked up and be sure to place it at the curb by 6:30 a.m.
- Position your recycling container properly, at least four feet away from the automated refuse cart and clear of obstructions.
- There may be times when your recycling gets missed for one reason or another, if this happens, call 385-3658 to find out what options exist.
- Do you have the right bin? You can use your own or the Integrated Solid Waste Management Campus has bins available for sale for \$8.50 each. Residents can set out unlimited amounts of recycling; there is no additional charge for more than one container.
- **If in doubt, leave it out** – unless an item is certain to be recyclable, do not put it in the recycling bin. It could potentially contaminate the rest of the recycling items in the bin. Call 385-3658 to confirm if an item is recyclable or how to properly dispose of the item in question.

Curbside recycling is picked up by the City Recycling crews and brought back to the Integrated Solid Waste Management Campus. The paper and cardboard products are baled and shipped by the semi-load to Rock-Tenn in St. Paul, MN to be processed and used as new paper products. Plastic, Aluminum and Tin products are also sent to local area markets for reuse in local manufacturing processes. Glass products are either reused in new glass products or sometimes used in road bed aggregate.

The City of Red Wing encourages everyone to recycle as much as possible. For more information, call 385.3658 or 385.3674.