

Items that cannot be put in Recycling Carts

Textiles, Batteries and Electronics. While each of these types of items may be recyclable, the City of Red Wing does not have a program for recycling them.

- **Textiles:** Both Goodhue County and the City of Red Wing no longer accept textiles as recyclable items. The Salvation Army and Annadee's Closet will accept clean and undamaged clothing for donation. There are also red boxes in various locations around Red Wing that residents can drop off textiles.
- **Batteries:** Alkaline (long-life) batteries and Zinc-Carbon (heavy-duty) batteries should be disposed of in the regular trash. NiCad lithium and button batteries can be disposed of by contacting the [Goodhue County Recycling Center](#).
- **Electronics:** The following items can be disposed of for a fee at the Solid Waste Campus--
 - Televisions
 - Computers
 - Computer Monitors
 - DVD Players
 - VCRs
 - CD Players
 - Stereos
 - Phones
 - Modems
 - Cable Boxes
 - Scanners
 - Paper Shredders
 - Satellite Dishes
 - Webcams
 - Answering Machines
 - DVRs
 - Printers
 - Fax Machines
 - Copiers

RWC Tech Solutions, also known as the Red Wing Computer store, will take in most electronic items for recycling free of charge. Call 651-388-1480 for more information about the items they will accept.

What Makes Items Unacceptable for Recycling?

Plastic Bags – all plastic bags are non-recyclable items, including single-use plastic bags from retailers, re-sealable single-use baggies, cellophane, or cling wrap. These items get caught in machinery at recycling centers.

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.