

ITEMS THAT CAN BE RECYCLED

WHAT WE RECYCLE AND HOW IT SHOULD BE SEPARATED

Contact us if you have any questions about our program, Items or locations.

NEWSPAPER

The inserts can be left inside. If it comes in a newspaper, it can be recycled with the newspaper. Some of the things recycled newspapers can be made into are: Newsprint, shoe boxes, cereal boxes, telephone books, tissues, paper towel, and insulation.

MIXED PAPER

This category includes white and colored paper, envelopes, junk mail, folders, construction paper, and cardstock. Items that **CAN NOT** be recycled are: tissue paper, receipts, napkins, wrapping paper, and paper towel. For every ton of paper that is recycled, 17 trees are saved from being cut down.

GLOSSY PAPER

This category includes magazines, flyers, and catalogs. Glossy paper differs from other papers because it has a heavy clay coating and must be processed differently.

BOOKS

This category includes bound, hardcover, soft cover, and phone books. Magazines should not be mixed in with books, and should be placed with glossy paper. Rather than recycling your books, many libraries, used book stores, and Salvation Army's will accept your used books.

CARDBOARD & CHIPBOARD

This category includes corrugated cardboard boxes, cereal boxes, shoe boxes, Kleenex boxes, and paper grocery bags. We **CAN NOT** accept chipboard that is dirty with food such as paper plates, donut boxes, etc.

GLASS

Glass must be separated into clear, brown, and green. Any other colors, such as blue or red glass, should be put in with the green glass. Labels and tops can be left on the glass, although metal tops can be recycled with the metal. Glass composites such as

Plexiglas can not be recycled. Most of the glass we recycle is pulverized and used in road construction.

ALL METALS

Metals of all different kinds can be sorted together. This includes steel, iron and aluminum cans. Please make sure that your containers are rinsed. Labels do not have to be removed. Crushing cans will help save on space. Aluminum is 100% recyclable, which means none of the material is lost in the recycling process. Every time one aluminum can is recycled, enough energy is saved to power a television for about three hours (compared to mining and manufacturing a new can).

PLASTICS

Please sort your plastics according to the number found on the bottom of the container. We can accept #1 and #2 plastics together, and #4, #5, #6, and #7 plastics together. Make sure your containers are clean and rinsed; otherwise they will end up in the garbage. Tops should be removed and discarded. Any labels can be left on the container. Plastic is one of the most important items to recycle because it is made from petroleum.

STYROFOAM

This category includes carry out boxes, packing materials, and some food containers. We can accept Styrofoam peanuts, but they must be in a separate plastic bag from other Styrofoam. Please make sure that no food scraps are in any containers.

ASEPTIC

This category includes orange juice, milk, soy milk, and juice box containers. The plastic tops should be removed, and the containers flattened to save space. Please make sure that all containers are rinsed to avoid unwanted odors.

BATTERIES

We accept household batteries only. This includes AAA through D, 9 volt, and cell phone batteries. Please make sure that they are in a separate bag. We CAN NOT accept car batteries or any other heavy duty industrial batteries.

PLASTIC BAGS

This category includes plastic grocery bags, plastic dry cleaning bags, and newspaper insert

bags. We accept # 1, #2, and #4 plastic bags. Check the bottom or side of the bag to find the number. We CAN NOT accept bubble wrap, garbage bags, plastic food bags, and frozen food bags. Please make sure that your bags are clean and dry, and that receipts have been removed.

COMPUTER AND ELECTRONICS

CITY OF DETROIT RESIDENTS ONLY!

We accept old computers, CD players, VCRs, and televisions. Computers and electronics in working condition can be donated to Salvation Army. We also accept cell phones and old printer cartridges, but they must be collected separate from computers and electronics.

WE DO NOT accept Electronics for Non-Detroit Residents or Businesses. Please check with your local Municipal Government office for Collection Options or Contact: **GEEP Michigan**



For Detroit businesses and residents outside of Detroit, please visit GEEP Michigan at www.geepmichigan.com or call us toll free at 1-877-GEEP-4-YU (1-877-4337-498).