



## Recycle more paper. Paper mills can't get enough.

“There is a lot of recyclable paper that is going in the garbage in Minnesota. Almost one-quarter of all our garbage—or about 769,000 tons—is recyclable paper, including newspaper, magazines, catalogs, cardboard, office paper, and other paper grades.

About three dozen manufacturers in Minnesota and the region employ thousands of high-wage workers and use recycled paper to make new cardboard boxes, roofing felt, countertops, newsprint, coated paper for magazines and printing paper, cellulose insulation, copier paper, tissue, egg cartons, and other products.” (Excerpt from Hennepin County website)

So Edina can do more. Did you know the following items could be included in your paper recycling?



### Yes, Recycle

#### **Bags**

Brown paper grocery bags  
Retail paper bags

#### **Cardboard and other boxes**

Cake, cereal, cookie, cracker boxes  
Corrugated cardboard (broken down to 3 feet x 3 feet and no bigger than 1 foot thick bundles – so that it will fit into the recycling truck)  
Food boxes that do not require refrigeration  
Gift boxes  
The cores of paper towels and toilet paper  
Shoe boxes  
Tissue boxes  
Toothpaste boxes  
And more

*Remove any film, food packaging material before recycling. Do not throw these boxes away unless they are contaminated with food, grease or chemicals.*

#### **Newspaper and inserts**

Recycle them.  
*Remove the plastic bags, CDs and product samples before placing them into the paper bag for recycling.*

#### **Mail/direct mail/junk mail**

Brochures  
Envelopes with or without windows  
Flyers  
Solicitations  
*Do not include any non paper items that come in mail, such as product samples or CDs. To reduce the amount of junk mail you receive, you may call the company directly to ask that your name be removed or contact one of the mail list brokers. Polk Company 1-800-464-7655 or Experian 1-800-228-4571 ext. 4633. To reduce credit offers call 1888-5OPTOUT (678688). Also check Hennepin County's website at [www.hennepin.us](http://www.hennepin.us) Key word search, Junk Mail for more options.*

#### **Magazines and catalogs**

Recycle them.  
*Magazines and catalogs are printed on coated ground wood paper. The most common coating is clay which smoothes the paper's surface and helps glossy inks adhere better.*

#### **Phone books**

Recycle them  
*Phone books are made from newsprint.*

**Office paper**

Carbonless paper  
Colored paper  
Greeting cards  
Manila envelopes and folders  
Memos and letters  
Note pads  
Paperback books  
Scrap paper  
Sticky notes

*This list is for residential home offices where curbside collection occurs. In general, office locations which provide recycling would accept these also.*

**Questions:**

Edina residents may contact Solvei Wilmot, Edina Recycling Coordinator, 952-826-0463  
Information regarding City of Edina and recycling is available on the website at:  
[www.cityofedina.com](http://www.cityofedina.com)

**School papers**

Children's homework  
Colored paper  
Old test papers  
Spiral notebooks

**Shredded paper in closed paper bags**

Recycle it.

*Paper that is shredded to protect personal and business data is generally a high grade paper. It is recyclable if it is not contaminated with carbon paper, plastic, or a lot of paper clips. Put shredded paper in a paper bag and roll it down to close or staple it shut to avoid the paper from blowing around before collection.*

However, do not include the following items....

## No. Do NOT recycle.

### **Artwork with paint or non-paper items attached.**

*Macaroni art, acrylic paints, metallic inks, non paper items are contaminants in the paper-making process.*

### **Facial tissue, paper napkins and paper towels**

*The paper fibers are too short to make new paper products. In addition, the food, soaps and other contaminants make them unrecyclable. However, these items are great for composting.*

### **Beverage carriers**

Beer cartons

Pop cartons

*Currently, these boxes are not recyclable because they are coated to make them stronger when wet (wet-strength). A chemical or a poly-film coats the paper making the paper hard to recycle.*

### **Gift wrap and tissue paper**

*Gift wrap and tissue paper are not recyclable but they can be reused. Flatten and save for another gift.*

### **Egg Cartons**

*Paper egg cartons are made with recycled paper. The paper fibers are too short to make new paper products. However, they are great for composting or a seed starting tray.*

### **Food boxes for refrigerator or freezer**

Frozen food boxes

Milk cartons

Juice box and cartons

Processed cheese cartons

*These boxes are not recyclable because they have wet-strength. (See beverage carriers)*

### **Non-paper “paper” items**

Non rip envelopes

Mylar

Tyvek

Envelops padded with bubble wrap

Laminated paper

Vellum paper

### **Paper or paper boxes soiled with food or grease, paper cups and plates**

Candy wrappers

Take out food containers

Fast food wrappers

Food wrappers for baked goods, meat and sandwiches

Laundry detergent boxes

Pizza boxes

Soap wrappers

*Grease and other food residue makes spots contaminating the paper-recycling process. The spots do not print or glue properly and may cause the new paper to appear speckled.*

### **Benefits of Recycling**

- Every ton of paper recycled saves approximately 17 trees when making newspaper.
- Every ton of paper recycled saves more than 3.3 cubic yards of landfill space.
- Making corrugated cardboard from recycled material uses up to 65% less energy than making new corrugated cardboard from virgin wood.
- One ton of recycled paper saves enough energy to power an average home for six months
- Recycling one ton of paper saves 7,000 gallons of water.
- Edina curbside recycling program collected 3,300 tons in 2005.



## Recycling Rigid Containers: Cans, glass and plastic bottles with necks

Please place these materials in with your residential recycling:

### Yes, Recycle



#### Glass

Brown bottles  
Clear bottles  
Green bottles

#### Cans

Aluminum food  
Pop/beverage cans  
Steel/tin food cans

#### Plastic

Bottles (mostly numbered 1 or 2 in the recycling triangle on the bottom)

*These are considered blown plastics, like a glass blower. Injection molded plastics are not collected by our recycling program.*

### No. Do NOT Recycle

Please do not include these materials with your recycling:

#### Other types of Glass

Window glass  
Cosmetic bottles  
Dishes  
Drinking glasses  
Light Bulbs  
Mirrors  
Ovenware, including Pyrex glass  
Opaque, white rum, black wine and green beer bottles with ceramic tops  
Ceramic cups  
Mugs  
Crystal

#### Metal

Any non-food containers or metal  
Paint cans  
Chemical containers  
Other metals  
*Many metals can be recycled, however, the curbside recycling program is only accepting aluminum food/pop cans and metal food cans. When taking metals to a scrap metal recycler, no wood, rubber or plastic should be attached. Metal may need to be cut to specified lengths. Scrap metal has a higher value when properly prepared.*

#### Other Plastics

Deli Containers  
Styrofoam  
Plastic bags  
Cool whip containers  
Cottage cheese containers  
Reusable food storage type containers  
Margarine tubs  
Motor oil or other automotive fluid bottles  
Rubbermaid and Tupperware containers  
Yogurt containers  
Fertilizer, pesticide or other chemical containers.  
*Most of these are molded plastics. The reason these plastics are not collected for recycling is because different processes are used to make different containers. This affects how the plastic resin is recycled. A small necked bottles are made through a blow-molding process; wide-mouthed plastic tubs are made by injection molding. Small-necked plastic bottles are collected and marketed for recycling; wide-mouth plastic tubs are not easily marketed. The other plastic items on the list are not recyclable because of the chemical they were storing.*

Please Note: plastic manufacturers voluntarily mark containers with the recycling triangle and a number code to identify various plastic resin families for sorting purposes. However, just because a container has a recycling symbol, it does not mean it can be recycled in a recycling program.

Plastic bags/film plastic is not accepted in the curbside collection program but there are drop off locations at Lunds, Byerlys and Cub for them.

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