



## Yellow Medicine County Recycling Basics



For curbside pickup please place materials in paper grocery bags, using a separate bag for each type of item. Click on 'rural recycling containers' to find out where rural residents can drop off recyclable materials.

Recycling service provider for Canby, Porter, St. Leo, Echo, Clarkfield, Hanley Falls, Hazel Run and Wood Lake areas:  
**OLSON SANITATION**  
(Place recycling bin at curb by 8 a.m. on your service day.)  
Call 507-223-7294 for more specific details.

→ **Glass Bottles and Jars from food & beverages:** Clear, brown or green. Empty & clean. No need to remove labels.

**Unacceptable examples:** dishes, window glass, mirrors, light bulbs, vases, etc. *NO Broken Glass*

→ **All plastic food containers coded with the recycling symbol:** Empty and clean. No need to remove labels. Crushing plastics is optional but it saves space at home & on recycling trucks.

**Unacceptable examples:** plastic bags/wrap, toys, Styrofoam, hoses, pipe, etc.

→ **Aluminum:** Pop & beer cans, pie pans, aluminum trays. Cans should be empty and pie pans & trays clean.

→ **Tin food cans:** Empty and clean. No need to remove labels. Top and bottom lids are acceptable.

→ **Metal:** Scrap metal. Empty aerosol cans & paint cans.

**Unacceptable examples:** household hazardous waste cans

→ **Paper:** Newspaper, magazines, cataloges, glossy inserts, phone books, white & colored paper, e.g. typing, computer, copier, stationery, envelopes (no need to remove windows), manila envelopes, junk mail. Paper should be clean and dry. No need to separate paper by categories.

**Unacceptable examples:** Tyvek envelopes, metal/plastic binders, paper clips.

→ **Corrugated cardboard:** Flatten & bundle. No greasy/dirty cardboard.

→ **Paperboard packaging** such as cereal, cracker, macaroni boxes. Flatten. No greasy/dirty paperboard packaging.

**Granite Falls recycling service provider:  
WEST CENTRAL SANITATION**

**(Place recycling bin at the curb by 6 a.m. on your service day.)**

**Call 564-1867 or 1-800-246-7630 for more specific details.**

→ **Corrugated cardboard:** Small amounts accepted on recycling route. Large amounts can be placed in the recycling container located in the parking lot of the Super 8 in Granite Falls.

→ **Aluminum & Tin Cans:** Empty/dry. Labels may remain on cans. Small scrap pieces of clean aluminum are also accepted.

→ **Glass Bottles & Jars from food and beverages:** Clear, green or brown. Please rinse. Labels need not be removed. Separate colored & clear glass.

**Unacceptable examples:** *Light bulbs, mirrors, windows, dishes, drinking glasses.*

**NO BROKEN GLASS**

→ **Plastic bottles/jugs marked with #1 or #2 inside the recycling triangle:**

Please rinse. Remove/discard caps/covers/lids. No need to remove labels.

**Unacceptable examples:** *Hard plastic, plastic bags, Cool Whip or margarine tubs, ice cream pails, hoses, pipe, toys, etc.*

→ **Newspaper:** Bag newspaper. May include advertising inserts.

→ **Magazines & Catalogs:** Bag, bundle or box separate from newspapers. All glossy magazines/catalogs are acceptable.

→ **Paperboard & Mixed Residential Mail:** Paperboard boxes (such as cereal, snack & tissue boxes) must be flattened. Mixed residential mail (except newspaper & magazines/catalogs) is acceptable in separate bags or bundles. Don't include the paperboard packaging from frozen or refrigerated foods or from liquids. **NO** paper clips, metal/plastic fasteners, rubber bands, etc.

☞ **Following examples are NOT recyclable & should be discarded with trash.**

Plastic lids & wide-mouth containers. Styrofoam/Styrofoam containers.

Waxed or food contaminated paper. Paper Tissues or Paper Towels.

Aerosol cans. Greasy/dirty cardboard. Cigarette butts.

**Some Reasons to Recycle**

1. It conserves resources
2. It conserves energy as it takes less energy to make 'new' from 'used' thereby reducing water & air pollution
3. It conserves landfill space
4. It creates more jobs than disposing of perfectly good resources into the trash
5. It helps protect habitat and diversity by reducing the need to chop down, extract, process, refine, & transport raw resources, e.g. timber, crude petroleum and mineral ores
6. It lowers the use of toxic materials needed when using raw resources
7. It's a good thing to do!

Thanks to all the Yellow Medicine County folks who are involved in keeping the planet a decent place to live. The kids will thank you for it!



**The recycling service providers in Yellow Medicine County thank the citizens for their cooperation in making the recycling program a success. The providers have a contract with Yellow Medicine County to pick up the recyclable materials in designated areas. If you need to contact the provider for your area you'll find the phone number in their respective recycling information section. Thanks and Happy Recycling!**