

# RECYCLING QUESTIONS & TIPS

## Why is glass not recycled?

There is currently no market to recycle glass in this area. We hope that in the future we may be able to find a buyer for our glass. Also, glass mixed with other recyclables causes problems with separation at Material Recovery Facilities (MRF).

## Tips on Recycling

Due to their light weight, the City of Pocatello curbside program does not accept plastic bags. They can easily get stuck inside machinery when recycled as well. However, most grocery stores throughout the U.S. now offer plastic bag recycling. However, the trick is actually remembering to take those excess bags with you next time you go to the store. Here are a couple of reminding tips:

- ◆ Hang a cloth bag in your kitchen or garage where you put excess plastic bags. It will be easy to notice once you leave the house.
- ◆ When filling out your grocery list, make sure to add "recycle plastic bags."
- ◆ Don't forget about the other light weight plastics! Plastic film, dry cleaning bags, newspaper bags and plastic wrap from products can be recycled at your grocery store as well.
- ◆ Toss your leftover plastic bags in your reusable shopping bags. You'll remember both on your next trip to the store.



## THINGS TO REMEMBER

**NO Sorting**

**NO Glass**

**NO Styrofoam**

**NO Plastic Bags**

**NO Shredded Paper**

**NO Yard Waste**

**NO Excuses**

**Please place carts 2-3 feet  
apart from each other**

**Help Pocatello Recycle Today  
For A Brighter Tomorrow!**

Please Feel Free to Contact

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IN RECYCLING CARTS**

# WHY RECYCLE?

## Recycling...

### ◆ SAVES NATURAL RESOURCES –

The national recycling rate of 30% saves the equivalent of more than 5 million gallons of gasoline, reducing dependence on foreign oil by 114 million barrels.

◆ SAVES ENERGY – Paper recycling saves up to 70% of the energy needed to create paper from new timber. Aluminum recycling saves up to 95% of the energy required to make new aluminum from raw ore (equivalent to filling the can 2/3 full of gasoline).

◆ SAVES CLEAN AIR AND WATER – Recycled paper uses 80% less water and produces 95% less air pollution than virgin paper production.

◆ SAVES LANDFILL SPACE – Landfills last longer when recyclables are being diverted.

◆ SAVES MONEY AND CREATES JOBS – Recycling creates far more jobs than do landfills or incinerators.

## PAPER



Acceptable Mixed Paper:

- ◆ Newspapers
- ◆ Newspaper Inserts
- ◆ Magazines
- ◆ Phone Books
- ◆ Catalogs
- ◆ Cardboard Boxes
- ◆ Cereal Boxes
- ◆ Frozen Food Boxes
- ◆ Paper Towel Cores
- ◆ Office Paper
- ◆ Copy Paper
- ◆ Note Pads
- ◆ Index Cards
- ◆ Writing Paper
- ◆ Computer Paper
- ◆ Coated Paper
- ◆ Circulars
- ◆ Brochures
- ◆ Envelopes
- ◆ Manila Folders
- ◆ Junk Mail

## PLASTICS



Acceptable Plastic Items:

**ALL plastic beverage, food & household cleaner containers.**

All plastic items should be rinsed free of stored material and caps replaced securely prior to placing items in recycle cart for collection.

## METALS



Acceptable Metal Items:

**TIN** — cans that stored beverages & foods such as juices, meats, & vegetables, etc. are acceptable and should be rinsed of contents.

**ALUMINUM** — cans & containers that stored any beverages or food such as soda drinks, beer, etc. are acceptable and should be rinsed of contents.

**NO SORTING REQUIRED**  
**DO NOT PUT ITEMS IN PLASTIC BAGS**  
**CARTS NEED TO BE 2-3 FEET APART**

## ITEMS THAT CANNOT BE RECYCLED

### IN THIS PROGRAM

- ◆ Glass
- ◆ Plastic bags
- ◆ Shredded paper
- ◆ Paper towels & plates
- ◆ PVC & ABS pipe
- ◆ Medical waste
- ◆ Toys
- ◆ Clothing
- ◆ Carpets
- ◆ Tissue paper
- ◆ Wax coated beverage containers
- ◆ Cellophane paper or plastic wrap
- ◆ Foam rubber material
- ◆ Packaging materials
  - ◆ Peanuts
  - ◆ Bubble wrap
  - ◆ Styrofoam packaging
- ◆ Styrofoam to-go boxes
- ◆ Ceramic containers
- ◆ Cereal box liners
- ◆ Containers that have contained
  - ◆ Paint
  - ◆ Pesticides
  - ◆ Herbicides
  - ◆ Petroleum products
- ◆ Strings & twines
- ◆ Strapping material
- ◆ Aerosol containers (any type)

**If you are not sure something is recyclable,  
DO NOT place it in your recycling cart.**  
**When in doubt call 234-6193 or  
email: [pocatellorecycles@pocatello.us](mailto:pocatellorecycles@pocatello.us)**