

RECYCLING QUESTIONS

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).

Is the City going to generate a profit from this?

NO! The City hopes to eventually run a revenue-neutral program. However, it often takes years for recycling programs to operate completely in the black. If the program were to become a non-optional part of the standard garbage service (at some point in the future) our chances of operating in the black would greatly increase – since success requires large volumes of recycled commodities.

Will the City still provide a drop-off program?

Yes. However, the current drop-off program will be scaled back to encourage participation in the curbside program. A few drop-off locations will continue operate at yet undetermined locations.



REMEMBER

NO Sorting
NO Glass
NO Styrofoam
NO Plastic Bags
NO Excuses

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

Please Feel Free to Contact

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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

ITEMS THAT CANNOT BE RECYCLED

IN THIS PROGRAM

- ◆ Plastic bags
- ◆ Paper towels
- ◆ Paper plates
- ◆ 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 it is recycled in this program, do not place in recycled bin. **If in doubt call 234-6192 or email: pocatellorecycles@pocatello.us**