

**Placement of Cart:** The cart shall be set out for collection no later than **6:00a.m.** on the designated recycling day. Pickup times for recycling on a particular route may change due to weather delay, equipment problems or other unforeseen circumstances. The front side of the recycling cart shall face the street or alley and have a clearance of 4 feet from buildings, parked cars, trees, mailboxes and other objects to allow the automated equipment to work properly. Carts will not be emptied if not set out for collection properly. The lid on the recycling cart must be completely closed in order for the cart to be emptied. The cart may be stored outside as long as the lid of the cart is kept securely closed at all times to prevent recycling from blowing out of the cart and to keep rain and snow from accumulating inside it.

**Removal of Snow:** Each household shall be responsible for clearing snow and ice from around the base of the recycling cart of approximately 4 feet to allow collection crews access to the cart. Any cart that does not have the snow and ice removed will not be emptied. Carts cannot be placed on top of a snow bank for collection.

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## RECYCLING SYSTEM

**How the System Works:** West Central Sanitation will be collecting recyclable materials every other week using fully automated trucks. Recycling and refuse are picked up on the same day, but by different trucks. This is a **FREE** service to all McLeod County Residents who live in the municipalities of McLeod County.

**Recycling Cart:** Each user household in the County is provided with a green/tan recycling cart imprinted with "West Central Sanitation." If you move, please leave the recycling cart at the old address for the new owner. If you construct a new house, please contact McLeod County Solid Waste at 1-800-335-0575 for the delivery of a recycling cart to your new address. If you lose your recycling cart, please make arrangements to have it replaced as soon as possible. Without a West Central Sanitation recycling cart, West Central Sanitation crews will not pick up your recyclables.

**Ordering a Replacement Cart:** Contact McLeod County Solid Waste at 1-800-335-0575 to arrange to have a recycling cart delivered to your residence. Office hours are Monday through Friday, 8:00a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

**Recyclable Materials:** The following items are accepted for recycling under the County's program:

- Glass bottles and jars
  - Plastic items with a recycling symbol of #1- #7
  - Aluminum and bimetal (tin and steel) cans
  - Newspaper and inserts
  - Junk mail
  - Magazines, catalogs and telephone books
  - Corrugated cardboard
  - Boxboard
  - Shredded paper
- 0 **Glass bottles and jars:** Green, brown and clear glass is acceptable, but it must be thoroughly rinsed. Remove covers. Labels do not need to be removed. Unacceptable: Window glass, plate glass, mirrors, drinking glasses, dishes, light bulbs, or ceramics.
- 0 **Plastic containers with a recycling symbol of #1 - #7:** Milk jugs, bottles, plastic food containers, yogurt cups, margarine and whip cream tubs. All items must be thoroughly rinsed. Covers and labels need not be removed. Unacceptable: motor oil or anti-freeze containers or paint pails.
- 0 **Aluminum and bimetal (tin and steel) cans:** Vegetable or beverage cans and pie tins that are empty and thoroughly rinsed; labels need not be removed.
- 0 **Newspaper:** All newspaper and inserts that come with the paper may be included. Newspaper should be clean and dry. Do not bundle and tie paper.
- 0 **Junk Mail:** Accounting paper, adding machine paper tape, computer printouts, copy paper (all colors), typing paper, letterhead, stationery, post-it notes, note

paper, NCR paper, construction paper, legal pad paper, greeting cards, manila file folders, paperback and hardcover books, brown paper bags and envelopes.

- 0 Unacceptable: Gift wrapping paper, used paper towels, tissue, paper napkins, used paper or styrofoam plates, waxed paper, styrofoam, bubble wrap, diapers, cigarette butts, blueprints, pendaflex folders and carbon paper.
- 0 **Magazines, catalogs and telephone books.**
- 0 **Corrugated cardboard (wavy inner liner):** Cut into 18" x 18" pieces or smaller. Larger pieces of cardboard may become lodged inside the cart causing the cart not to empty completely when tipped. Unacceptable: No delivery pizza boxes or corrugated cardboard overly contaminated with grease or food substances.
- 0 **Boxboard:** Cereal, cake and cracker boxes, egg cartons, shoe boxes, pop and beer cases, paper milk cartons, juice boxes, broth and other paper cartons. Unacceptable: Ice cream cartons and boxboard contaminated with grease or food substances.
- 0 **Shredded Paper:** Must be in a closed paper bag.

### Preparing Recyclable Items:

- );> Place glass bottles and jars, tin and aluminum cans, plastic items, corrugated cardboard and paper products into your recycling cart.
  - );> No separation or bagging is needed.
  - );> Do not use plastic bags.
- 0 **Plastic Bags:** Can be recycled at our facility