

Martin County Recycling Program

- 1) Rural residents pay for rural drop sites on their property taxes, these are sites for the rural residents to recycle. Our contract recycler is only paid for picking up recycling from the rural residents who pay for this service. This program is not open to people from out of the county.
- 2) City residents should be using their own curbside recycling programs. There should be no need for city residents to use these sites. City residents are not paying for these sites.
- 3) City businesses do not pay for recycling on their property taxes, so they should arrange for recycling for their business on their own. This includes schools and churches. The county program is a household recycling program, so no farm or business items are acceptable!!
- 4) Only acceptable recyclables should be left at these sites. I have enclosed a list of items that are recyclable.
- 5) Each city residence is entitled to one cart per their residence. The carts have been distributed. The county has provided the recycling cart and it belongs to the county. The recycling carts must stay with each residence. If additional carts are needed, there will be a \$70 charge for a cart.

What Can Be Recycled In The Brown and Yellow Rural Recycling Containers:

- All items placed in the BROWN and YELLOW recycling container must be **CLEAN** with no dirt or food residue. Food containers must be washed out. Labels on cans are OK.
- NO plastic bags! This also means no plastic bag liner in the recycling cart.
- All recyclable items are placed in the BROWN and YELLOW recycling cart and co-mingled or mixed together.
- **DO NOT** place garbage in these recycling containers ONLY Recycling!!

ACCEPTABLE ITEMS:

- **Newspaper, Magazines, Miscellaneous Paper Products**
 - All white and colored writing paper, computer paper, magazines, and newspapers including inserts
 - Junk mail
 - Corrugated cardboard (the double-walled cardboard with the wiggly center) (Flatten boxes before putting in cart)
 - Phone books
 - Magazines including Reader's Digest
 - Catalogs
 - Boxboard from chip, cereal and cracker boxes
 - Newspapers and shiny inserts
 - Please do not bundle newspapers in anything other than brown paper grocery bags.
- **Tin or Aluminum Cans**
 - Food and pet food cans
 - Soda and beer cans
 - Clean aluminum foil and aluminum foil pans
- **Glass**
 - Clear, green, brown or blue food or beverage container glass
 - Wine, beer and other alcohol bottles
 - Soda bottles
 - Salad Dressing bottles
- **Plastic**
 - Bottles can have the caps, covers, lids on the bottle
 - All plastic bottles and jugs with a screw top lid or that have a neck smaller than the base
 - Two liter bottles
 - Plastic milk jugs
 - Bleach bottles
 - Yogurt Containers

PROHIBITED ITEMS

DO NOT put these items in your BROWN and YELLOW recycling cart or rural recycling containers!

- **NO** Garbage
- **NO** Dirty items!!
- **NO** Hazardous waste
- **NO** Scrap metal such as metal pipe, hangers, wires, or automotive parts
- **NO** Hot or cold ashes
- **NO** Concrete, rocks, gravel, or wood
- **NO** Pizza boxes, egg cartons or ice cream cartons
- **NO** Snack food bags (like chips or popcorn bags)
- **NO** Fast food containers, cups, or wrappers
- **NO** **Styrofoam, foam cups, foam containers or Styrofoam peanuts**
- **NO** Bubble wrap
- **NO** Hard cover books
- **NO** Plastic toys or furniture
- **NO** Plastic film or grocery bags
- **NO** Plastic wrap or dry-cleaning bags
- **NO** Softener Salt bags
- **NO** Milk bags
- **NO** String, twine, cotton balls
- **NO** Paper towels, napkins, tissues
- **NO** Baby diapers
- **NO** Feed Bags or agricultural garbage
- **NO** Garden product containers such as pesticide containers
- **NO** Cups, coffee filters, tea bags
- **NO** Waxed paper or waxed anything like milk cartons, drinking boxes, frozen food boxes
- **NO** Candy or gum wrappers
- **NO** Bathroom waste paper
- **NO** Photos, slides, transparencies
- **NO** Aerosol cans, paint cans
- **NO** Motor oil, gasoline containers
- **NO** Light bulbs, pens
- **NO** Drinking glasses
- **NO** Window glass, mirrors
- **NO** Pottery, ceramics
- **NO** Disposable razors, needles
- **NO** Toys, dishes, glasses, medicine containers
- **NO** Plastic cups, silverware, trays
- **NO** Dead animals

If you have any questions about recycling or any solid waste program contact:

Billee Rabbe, Prairieland Director / Martin & Faribault County Solid Waste Coordinator, 507-776-3232

If you have a question about routes and collection of recycling contact:

Hometown Sanitation, 507-235-5665.