

## RECYCLING in POPLAR BLUFF

Our community has been given the opportunity to participate in a recycling program. You can begin NOW. All you need to do is collect the recyclable materials described in this brochure!

Please prepare your items as indicated, so they will not have to be sent to a landfill. Thank you for doing your part to help make our community a better place today and the world a better place for everyone tomorrow.



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**HOURS OF  
OPERATION ARE M-F  
FROM 8 AM TO 4 PM.**

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"The Recyclinator"

## What is RECYCLING?

Recycling involves the separation and collection of materials for processing and remanufacturing into new products, and the use of the products to complete the cycle. Much of the aluminum, glass, paper and steel used for packaging today is already recycled. Half the nation's aluminum cans are made from recycled aluminum, and one-quarter of the raw fibers used in the paper industry are from recycled paper products. Glass and steel used in containers can be recycled over and over.

The recycling of aluminum and steel cans, cardboard, glass, newspapers and certain plastics is a growing industry. Recyclables collected by the Ozark Foothills recycling program are used to make new products like glass containers, office paper, laundry detergent bottles, steel framing, roofing, and pipes; steel sheet for cars and cans, and much more. Recyclables kept separate from household waste are collected at recycling programs. Collected materials are further sorted and processed for sale to manufacturers in Missouri and other states.

Money earned from the sale of recyclable materials can benefit the Recycling Center and help communities and companies offset operating costs for recycling. Recycling also allows our community to reduce waste disposal costs. Put all Recyclables into **BLUE** recycling bags (sold at area merchants). Then call for pickup or take them to the CENTER.

### PLASIC BAGS

Poplar Bluff Wal-Mart has bins at each entrance to help recycle your shopping bags.

### GLASS

Glass is completely recyclable and saves precious energy resources. Making products from recycled glass uses less energy than starting from scratch. Recycled glass is made into new beverage bottles, food jars, insulation and other construction materials. Usually, clear glass containers are recycled into new clear glass products, while colored glass containers are recycled into new colored glass products. Since food in containers can attract insects, rinse them in water. Labels do not need to be removed. Please remove the lids and metal rings around the necks of containers. **DO NOT** include window glass, ceramics, light bulbs or ovenware, because these items can damage a glass manufacturer's furnace.

### NEWSPAPER

Newspapers are commonly recycled into paperboard, new newsprint, insulation and animal bedding products. Recycling newspapers saves valuable space in landfills. Put newspapers in paper bags or tie in bundles with string. In general, you can include any inserts (advertisements, comics) originally delivered with the paper.

### OTHER PAPER PRODUCTS

Office paper can be recycled into other writing paper, tissue and towel products. Corrugated paper (commonly known as corrugated cardboard) is used to make new paperboard and corrugated boxes. Recycling programs are now recycling magazines, catalogs, and telephone directories. These materials should be handled in the same way as newsprint: store in paper bags or tie in bundles.

### ALUMINUM

Aluminum is the most valuable of household recyclables. Aluminum cans are recycled to produce new aluminum cans. By recycling aluminum cans, you are helping to conserve energy. To make sure that a can is aluminum, use a magnet and see that it **DOES NOT** stick to the can's top and sides. Rinse the cans to prevent attracting insects and crush them if you need to save space. Other sources of household aluminum such as clean aluminum foil, clean pie tins, aluminum siding, and the metal frames of aluminum lawn furniture also can be recycled.

### STEEL CANS

Steel cans are eagerly sought by the steel industry because they are a good source of steel scrap and their tin coating also can be recovered and recycled. A magnet sticks to steel cans. You might want to flatten food and beverage

## What can be RECYCLED?

cans to save space. As with other recyclable containers, they should be rinsed. Many recycling programs also collect empty steel aerosol cans and paint cans.

### PLASTIC

The plastics industry has developed a coding system to help consumers identify different types of plastic resins used in packaging. The codes can be found on the bottom of most plastic containers. Of the many types of plastics used in packaging, two types of plastic from household trash are commonly recycled today.



*Plastic Soda Bottles:* The material used to make plastic soda bottles (polythylene terephthalate or PET) is recyclable. These bottles are coded with the number 1 and the letters PETE. About 30 percent of all PET bottles sold are recycled into a variety of products. The bottles you recycle could end up as carpet backing, sleeping bag insulation, containers for non-food items, tool handles, auto parts and even clothing. Rinse, remove caps and rings, and flatten bottles to save space.

*Plastic Milk Jugs:* The plastic used in one-gallon milk and water jugs (high density polyethylene or HDPE) is also recycled to make products such as trash cans, flower pots and plastic pipe. As with other containers, rinse and flatten them to save space.

### TIRES AND MOTOR OIL

The Recycling Center will collect used motor oil for \$.50 a gallon and used car tires for \$2.00 each and \$5.00 for large truck tires. Farm/Off road tires will be accepted by bid only.