

-New Look to Recycling Containers-

Douglas County Recycling has new residential recycling containers. This change replaces the large roll-off containers which have been in place for years. The conversion brings more efficiency to the program while having the added bonus of the ability to collect cardboard (flattened please and without Styrofoam) along with the other recyclables-a process called single-stream recycling. The single stream collection process enables recyclable material to be collected in a single compartment allowing residents to commingle ("mix") all household recyclables together. This process eliminates the need to sort your recyclable materials.

Please place all material loose in the container, no bags or bindings. If you have questions about the recycling process please feel free to contact the Recycling Coordinator at jbarton@nwrpc.com, or 715-635-2197. We appreciate your cooperation in recycling only acceptable recycling materials. As a reminder, business generated cardboard and other recyclables are NOT ACCEPTED in the Douglas County residential recycling containers.

SINGLE STREAM RECYCLING SPECIFICATIONS

RECYCLABLES must be dry, loose (not bagged) and include ONLY the following:

- Aluminum cans - empty
- Newspaper
- PET bottles with the symbol #1 – with screw tops only - empty
- Mail
- HDPE plastic bottles with the symbol #2 (milk, water bottles, detergent, and shampoo bottles, etc.) – empty
- Magazines, glossy inserts and pamphlets
- Plastic containers with symbols #3-#7 – empty (no expanded polystyrene)
- Uncoated paperboard (ex. cereal boxes; food and snack boxes)
- Steel and tin cans – empty
- Uncoated printing, writing and office paper
- Glass food and beverage containers – brown, clear, or green - empty
- Corrugated containers/cardboard (uncoated)
- Phone books

NON-RECYCLABLE ITEMS include, but are not limited to the following:

- Plastic bags and bagged materials (even if containing Recyclables)
- Microwavable trays
- Mirrors, Window or auto glass
- Light bulbs
- Coated cardboard
- Porcelain and ceramics
- Plastics unnumbered
- Expanded polystyrene
- Coat hangers
- Glass and metal cookware/bakeware
- Household appliances and electronics
- Hoses, cords, or wires
- Yard waste
- Construction debris and wood
- Flexible plastic or film packaging and multi-laminated materials
- Needles, syringes, IV bags or other medical supplies
- Food waste and liquids, containers containing such items
- Textiles, cloth, or any fabric (bedding, pillows, sheets, etc.)
- Napkins, paper towels, tissue, used paper plates, paper cups, and plastic utensils
- Propane tanks
- Batteries

