Life's Little Recycling Instruction Book

For Marathon County Neighborhoods



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Please Recycle Boxboard

What is it? Boxboard is a thin kind of cardboard. It can be gray, tan or while on the inside. These boxes are made of boxboard and can be recycled:

* *Cereal, cracker and cake boxes*
* *Potato chip, pretzel and snack boxes*
* *Noodle and pasta boxes*
* *Tissue boxes*
* *Tubes from toilet paper rolls*
* *Aspirin and medicine boxes*
* *Detergent boxes*
* *Pop, water and beer carriers*
* *Shoe, toy game and gift boxes*



~~NO~~ frozen food boxes or microwave food boxes or milk cartons. Boxes made to go in the freezer or refrigerator cannot be recycled because they have a plastic, foil or wax coating.

Please Recycle Goods and Clothing

* *Small appliances (must be working)*
* *Books*
* *Hardware and tools*
* *Games and toys*
* *Kitchen goods*
* *Clothing and linens*



Good Condition Rule

All item must be good enough for someone else to use.



~~NO~~ items bigger than a bag. No broken things or chemicals or plastic bags or cosmetics. Call 644-SORT for disposal information.

What To Do

1. Place household goods or clean rags in a plastic bag and tie the top tightly closed. The items must not get wet.

2. Mark “Household Goods” or “Clean Rags” on the top of your bag or use the stickers on page 7.

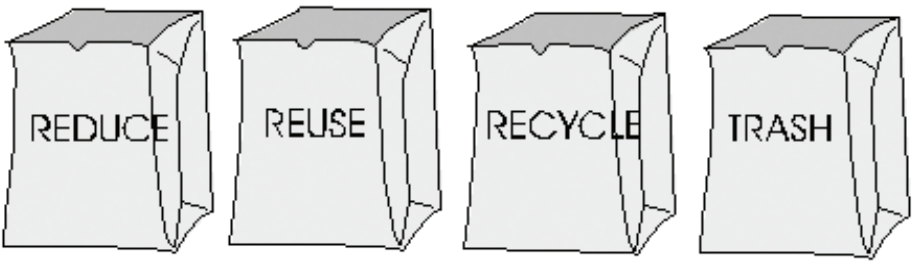
Please Recycle Clean Rags

Clean cloth rags can be recycled into stuffing or rags for industrial use. Please save:

* *Clothes with holes or rips OK√*
* *Clothes with missing buttons or broken zippers OK√*
* *Frayed towels, curtains and sheets OK√*
* *Worn out table clothes and blankets OK√*

Clean Cloth Rule

All cloth must be clean, dry and free of paint, grease, gasoline, mildew and odors. No cloth pieces smaller than 5" x 5".



Please Recycle

Corrugated Cardboard

* *Flatten boxes to 3 feet by 3 feet or smaller*
* *Place flat boxes under your recycling bin or tie with string,*

No pizza boxes or waxed boxes.

Cans and Foil

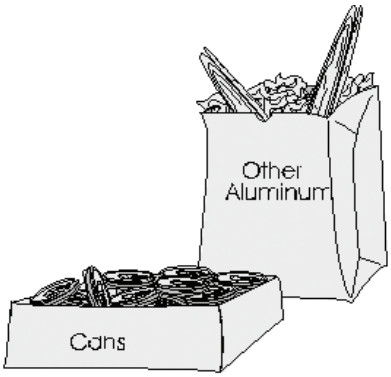
All food and beverage cans OK√

Please flatten cans if possible.



Clean paint cans OK√

Put cans and foil together in a paper bag or box.



Labels OK√

~~NO~~ aerosol cans.

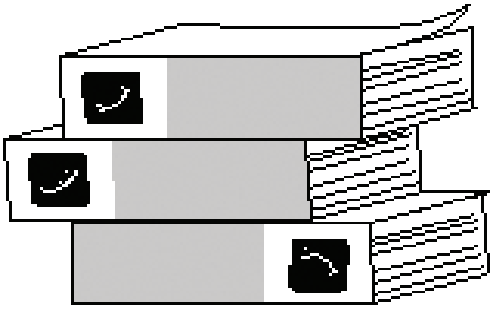
Newspapers

Put newspaper in a paper bag or box.

~~NO~~ Do not add other paper to newspapers

Phone Books

Place them next to your recycling bin.

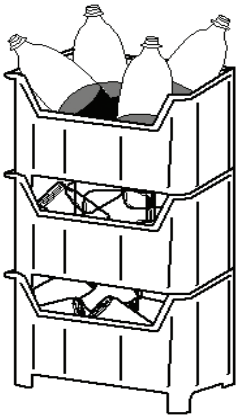


Glass

All food and beverage glass: green, brown and clear OK√

Put all glass bottles together in a paper bag or box

~~NO~~ window glass, dishes, lightbulbs or ceramics.



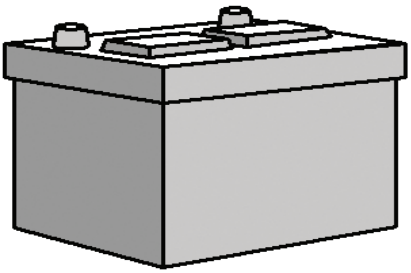
What Should I Do with Other Waste?

Brush and Tree Trimmings

1. Place bush out for your garbage hauler to pick up separately.
2. Bring brush to a neighborhood cleanup in the spring or fall.
3. Take brush to a garbage transfer station.

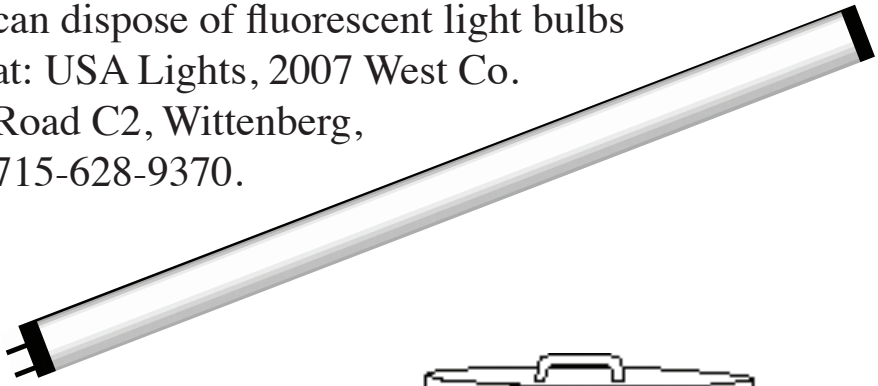
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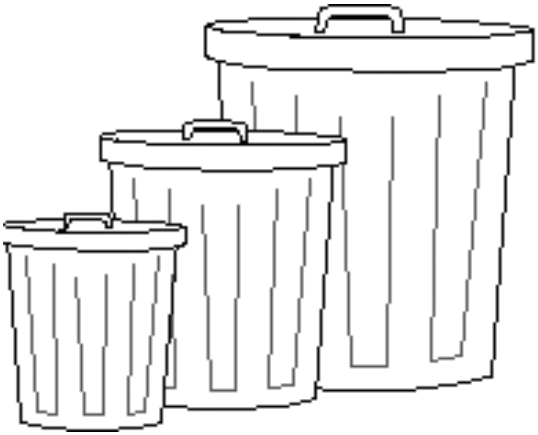
Take car batteries to any place that sells them. Take button batteries to a camera or jewelry store for recycling. Rechargeable batteries should be brought to a Radio Shack store. Regular household type batteries are not recycled at this time. They may be thrown in the trash.



Florescent bulbs

It is illegal to put florescent lights in the garbage. Fluorescent lights from household are accepted at the Ramsey County household hazardous waste sights. Call 715-633-EASY (3279). Businesses and building managers can dispose of fluorescent light bulbs at: USA Lights, 2007 West Co. Road C2, Wittenberg, 715-628-9370.





Other Waste

Garbage Transfer Stations

A transfer Station is a place in the city that accepts garbage and them takes it to a land-fill or incinerator. They charge you based on the volume of material you bring in. There are two transfer stations in Marathon County: Northlands Refuse, 318 West Water Street, 227-1549 or United Waste Transfer, 400 Whitehall Street, 776-2323.

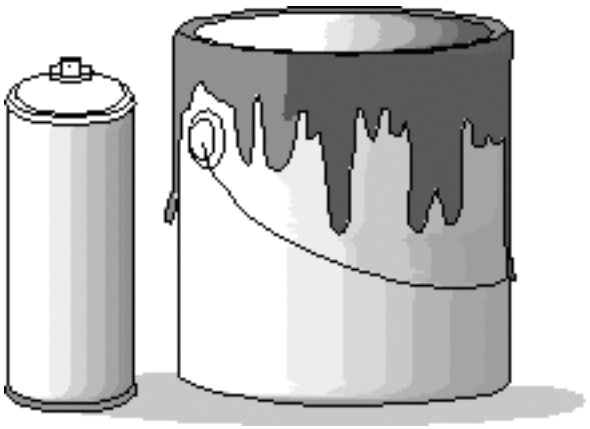


Oil and Oil Filters

Most Service Stations and quick oil change centers accept oil for recycling as a free customer service. It is illegal to put oil filters in the garbage. Take filters to one of these stations for recycle. There may be a $1 to $2 recycling fee. HillTop Certicare Repair, 518 White Ave., 771-0302 or Jiffy Lube, 650 7th Avenue, 642-1305.

Paint and Other Chemicals

Use up paint and chemicals if you can. If you can't, Marathon County offers residents drop-off sites for hazardous waste. Call 633-EASY (3279) for locations and times. Businesses and building managers should call 773-4466. Ask to speak with a business hazardous waste specialist.



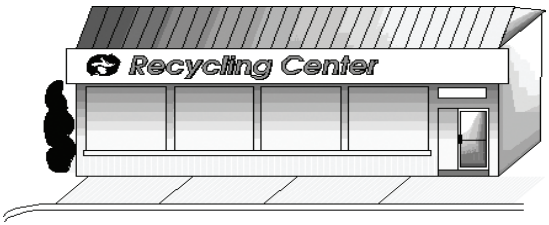
Marathon County Recycling Hotline

715-644-SORT (7678)

Please call with questions about any of these topics:

* *Curbside recycling*
* *Apartment recycling*
* *Backyard composting*
* *Cleanup day schedules*
* *Waste reduction*
* *Toxins reduction*
* *Hazardous waste*
* *Waste disposal options*

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