

Recycling Information

Recycling is Easy! All you have to remember is to put your recycling cart out before 7:00 a.m. on your collection day, and put out only items that we can recycle! But remember, no plastic bags please!

**Don't sort them.
Don't tie them.
Just empty them and
toss them in loose.
And no plastic bags please!**

Items you can recycle:

- plastic containers with a recycling triangle on the bottom, including all bottles, pails, tubs, and jugs
- aluminum drink cans
- steel (tin) food cans
- milk and juice cartons
- juice boxes
- newspapers and inserts, flyers and junk mail
- magazines, phone books, household paper, shredded paper and envelopes
- cardboard egg cartons and paper tubes
- flattened cardboard, no more than 1 metre in any direction, e.g., cereal, cracker, tissue, laundry, shoes and packing boxes
- glass jars and bottles (clear and coloured)



Common items you can't recycle:

- plastic bags, plastic packaging and cellophane
- household hazardous waste containers, such as anti-freeze, motor oil, and bleach - you can identify many waste products by the danger symbol. e.g. corrosive, explosive, poison and flammable



Corrosive Explosive Poison Flammable

- aluminum foil or foil pie plates
- foil or foam takeout food containers
- foam packaging, foam egg cartons or foam meat trays
- mirrors, window glass or light bulbs
- drinking glasses, ceramics or cookware
- wrapping paper

Recycling tips:

- Don't tie materials together as the processing facility can't remove bags, string, wire, etc.
- Leave lids on containers, caps on bottles, staples in paper, labels on containers and windows in envelopes.
- Give your containers a quick rinse to get rid of bacteria and odours.
- Crush plastic bottles, milk jugs and milk and juice cartons to leave more room in your recycling cart.
- Allow 4 feet (1.2m) between your recycling cart and your garbage cart to allow for the collection arm on the automated truck to grab your cart.

Frequently Asked Recycling Questions

1. Where can I get an additional recycling cart and how much do they cost?

Additional Recycling Carts are available to residents for a \$50 fee, plus \$50 per year for tipping fees. Please contact the Public Works Department to order 204-668-8336.

2. Today is my collection day and my recycling has not been collected. What shall I do?

As there may be a delay in your pick up, leave your cart out and contact the Public Works Office at 204-668-8336.

3. Why can't I put plastic bags in my recycling cart?

Recycling materials cannot be placed in plastic bags for the following reasons: The collection depot is automated in order that recyclable materials can be processed quickly and efficiently. All recyclable materials are handled automatically unless they are placed in plastic bags. If this is the case, the plastic bags have to be opened and emptied manually which creates additional costs. This unnecessary extra cost is charged back to the Municipality which drives up the cost of our program. The plastic bags themselves cannot be recycled. We don't want to collect them in the recycling program and then have them hauled to a landfill.

4. What can I do with my plastic bags?

You can:

- Reuse plastic bags when shopping.
- Recycle your plastic shopping bags by taking them to a store with a collection program. Make sure they are empty and free of paper and debris.
- Drop off clean plastic bags for reuse at:
- Winnipeg Humane Society, 45 Hurst Way
- Winnipeg Harvest, 1085 Winnipeg Avenue

How should I put out my shredded or loose paper for recycling?

To help reduce litter, you can:

- Pack the paper tightly in your recycling cart.
- Put lighter paper between heavier items, newspapers or cardboard.
- Put heavier items on top in cart.

Can I put paper bags in my recycling cart?

Yes, but please do not place any recyclables in them.

Why can't I put recyclables inside paper bags?

The sorting machines cannot remove recyclables from paper bags. The recyclables and bags would be sent to the landfill site.

Why can't I recycle books?

Book covers and glues used in book bindings lower the quality of the recycled paper fibre used to create recycled paper. This reduces the value of the paper we sell to the paper recyclers. Instead, consider donating your books to used bookstores, libraries, hospitals or charities. Contact them first to find out what books they will accept.

Why can't I recycle foil products, such as aluminum foil, foil pie plates or foil takeout food containers?

Unlike aluminum drink cans, these products are not pure aluminum. They are blended with other materials and lower the quality and value of our recycled material.

Why can't I recycle foam products, such as foam egg cartons, foam packaging or foam takeout food containers?

There are no local recyclers for this product.

Can I recycle wrapping paper and tissue paper?

No. The paper is often blended with other materials, such as wax and metal, that can't be recycled.

Can I recycle dry pet food bags.

No. Much like wrapping paper, these containers are often made of blended materials.

Can I recycle frozen juice containers?

No. Much like wrapping paper, these containers are often made of blended materials.

Can I recycle construction or art paper?

Yes, as long as it does not have crayon wax or glue on it.

Can I recycle phone books?

You can recycle your old phone books by placing them in your recycling cart.

How should I put my cardboard out for collection?

Cardboard should be crushed flat and put inside your recycling cart. Cardboard should be cut down to a size that allows it to fall freely into the truck when the cart is emptied. It should not be tied. Cardboard cannot be left outside your cart, because anything left outside of your recycling cart will not be collected.

Will my collection day change?

No. Only on statutory holidays. Collection will take place on the next day. Check our website (www.eaststpaul.com) for details for your zone.

What hours will recycling collectors work?

Recycling collectors will work between 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m., Tuesday through Friday (the same hours as garbage collectors).

Are there any exceptions to these times?

Under unusual circumstances, such as extreme weather conditions and equipment breakdowns, collection may continue up to 10:00 p.m.

I just moved into my newly constructed home. Am I eligible for a free recycling cart?

Yes. You are eligible for one recycling cart when a new home is constructed. Contact the Public Works Office (2025 Camsell Avenue) or the Administration Office (3021 Birds Hill Road).

For more information on the recycling program, please call the East St. Paul Public Works Office at 204-668-8336 between the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.