

Curbside Recycling Bin Sorting Reminders



Trash cans/bags and recycling bins must be placed in designated collection areas by **7:30 a.m. on collection day, and no earlier than 5:00 p.m.** the day before collection.

Trash cans and recycling bins must be removed by **midnight on collection day.**

Questions? Call **(989) 779-5401**

Group 1: Newspapers & Media

Place on the bottom of your bin.

Acceptable items: Newspaper, phonebooks, catalogs, newsprint, magazines - including glossy inserts, phone books, soft cover books.

Items not collected: Dog/cat food bags.

Group 2: Office-Type Paper

Acceptable items: White, colored and shredded paper, mail, envelopes, sticky notes, card stock, file folders, and notebooks.

Please remove tape, staples and envelope windows.

Place these items in a plastic grocery bag and tie close. *These are the only items that should be in a plastic grocery bag.*

Group 3: Cardboard

Group all items together.

Corrugated & Boxboard

Acceptable items: Boxes from cereal, crackers, pasta, cake mix, medications, toiletries, pop and beverage cases, shoe, gift, and electronics boxes, corrugated cardboard,

and frozen food containers as long as food has not had direct contact with the container.

Flatten all cardboard/boxboard. If oversized, cut into 2' x 3' pieces, and place next to or under the bin. Large amounts of boxes/styrofoam cannot be collected curbside and must be taken to the Materials Recovery Facility (MRF).

Items not collected: Pizza boxes or any cardboard in which food has had contact, wax or plastic coated cardboard/boxboard (milk and juice cartons), laundry soap boxes.

Metal cutting strips must be removed from aluminum foil and plastic wrap boxes before recycling. Place metal cutting strips with other metals.

Styrofoam and large amounts of moving boxes are not collected curbside, but can be taken to the recycling center.

Group 4: Metals, Plastics & Glass

Group like items together.

Clear Glass: No colored glass.

Acceptable items: Rinsed glass bottles and jars. Detached metal lids should be placed with other metal items.

Metals: Tin, Aluminum & Aerosol Cans

Acceptable items: Empty aerosol cans, metal food cans and detached lids, aluminum cans, trays and foil (**food residue must be removed**), metal cutting strips from aluminum foil and

similar boxes, metal coat hangers.

For safety, please tuck lids inside cans.

Plastic: Bottles, jugs, and plastic straws.

Plastics numbered 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7, including red Solo cups and lids, plastic silverware, CD cases, beverage bottles, plastic coat hangers, milk and water jugs, laundry product containers and caps, and spray nozzles. **Rinse clean.**

Items not collected: Disposable plastic gloves and plastic shopping bags.

Recycling Policies

- \$2.50/month per six people. Charge is a separate item on the water and sewer bill.
- A blue City recycling bin is required. You can use more than one recycling bin, but one of them must be a blue bin.
- If your bin is lost, stolen or damaged, you must purchase a new City bin at City Hall for \$7.25.
- On windy days, place a brick or stone in the bin to prevent it from blowing away.
- Not all materials can be collected at curbside, even if they have the recycle logo on the bottom.

Proper Sorting

Office paper/junk mail in a shopping bag that is tied closed.



Newspapers and media on the bottom.

Plastics/tin/aluminum together, lids tucked inside cans.

Cardboard and boxboard are together. Can be side by side or tucked inside one another.

Holiday Collection Schedule

If you use the City's bag/tag system, the following holidays are the **only** holidays which may affect the collection:

New Year's Day • Labor Day • Memorial Day • Thanksgiving Day • Fourth of July • Christmas Day

Changes to the collection schedule will be posted on the City's website and social media accounts, www.mt-pleasant.org under the "**Current Events**" section.

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