

Recycle & Reduce

Dave Cannady and Dan Hannah (right) were on hand at the October, 2008 Town Hall meeting to let residents see the number of items that can be recycled.









Did you know your cake mix boxes and soda cartons can be recycled? WM is accepting junk mail, phone books, all kinds of paper, soda cans and plastic bottles, shampoo bottles, metal and foil trays and even toilet paper rolls.

Check the list below and begin recycling or expand your list. Rinse bottles and cans and remove lids and labels as much as possible. You'll be surprised how much can be recycled.


Recycling Guide

PLASTIC

Check the bottom of plastic bottles, containers and packaging for a small triangle with a number inside. Items with numbers from 1 to 5 and 7 are recyclable. Please rinse out all food, cleaners and labels from plastic, steel and tin can items.

-  Clear and green plastic resin (soda, water and flavored beverage containers)
-  Clear & colored plastic resin (milk & juice jugs, detergent & fabric softener containers)
-  Narrow neck containers (health & beauty aids, household cleaners)
-  Plastic resin (margarine tubs, frozen dessert cups, 6 and 12 pack rings)
-  Plastic resin (yogurt cups, narrow neck syrup and ketchup bottles)
-  Plastic resin narrow neck containers, plastic buckets (kitty litter) Containers over 5 gallon not accepted.

There are some items that cannot be accepted. Item # 6, Polystyrene is not accepted at this time.

-  **Cannot be recycled.** (egg cartons, foam trays, protective packaging)

METALS

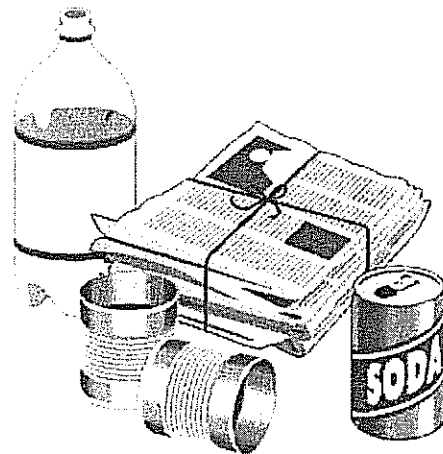
Clean aluminum cans, trays & foil, steel cans & tins

GLASS

Glass bottles and jars (clear, brown and green only)
No window glass, dinnerware or ceramics

PAPER

Newspaper, including inserts (remove plastic sleeves), cardboard (no waxed cardboard accepted), kraft, brown paper bags, magazines, catalogs and telephone books, paperback books, junk mail and envelopes, office and computer paper, notebook paper and gift wrap paper (no metal clips, spirals or binders), cereal, cake, food mix & gift boxes, carrier stock, soda and beer can carrying cases



Recycling Cell Phones & Accessories - The City of BN is working with the Knights of Columbus, Santa Cruz Council, 800 Chambers Road to recycle cell phones. Phones may be dropped off at the K of C Hall or the BN City Hall. Phones that cannot be refurbished are dismantled and recycled to reclaim, gold, silver, platinum, copper wiring, nickel, iron, cadmium, lead, and plastic. The phones and reclaimed materials are sold and money is used to buy phone cards for soldiers abroad, in all branches of the service. Phone accessories are also accepted. Donating your old cell phone is an easy sacrifice to make to support our troops.

City Of BN Gets Preliminary Approval For Recycling Carts

The City of BN has received preliminary approval of a grant for 3,900 - 65 gallon recycling carts with wheels. The carts will be provided free of charge to residents in the City of BN for recycling purposes.

St. Louis County offered municipalities a grant for the 65 gallon recycling carts but underestimated the response they would get. Fifteen municipalities applied for the grant. Total requests were for 22,934 carts at a total cost of \$820,120. St. Louis County was able to meet the requests with a funding increase for this project.

There is still a lot of work to do before the recycling carts are delivered to homes including final approval from the St. Louis County Council. Once approved, the carts will be bid, ordered, approved again by the

County Department of Health, delivered, assembled and if all goes well, to homes by November.

Many thanks to Dan Glenzy, City of BN resident who took on the job of writing the grant, following up with St. Louis County and seeing this project through.

Under our present collection program called "single stream," it's possible to put all items together without separating them. It won't take long to fill the large cart with recyclables, in fact, with the expanded list of recyclable items, more than 70% of your trash is probably recyclable.

Residents who do not want a recycling cart may call City Hall to have cart removed. We ask that you try recycling and see how easy it is.

Why Recycle?

Why recycle? It's simple. Recycling saves money. When landfills fill up, waste haulers have to charge more to establish more landfills. When recycleable materials run out, new materials have to be manufactured. Below are more reasons to recycle:

- **Saves Natural Resources** - By making products from recycled materials instead of virgin materials, we conserve land and reduce the need to drill for oil and dig for minerals.
- **Saves Energy** - It usually takes less energy to make recycled products; recycled aluminum, for example, takes 95% less energy than new aluminum from bauxite ore.

- **Saves Clean Air and Water** - In most cases, making products from recycled materials creates less air pollution and water pollution than making products from virgin materials.
- **Saves Landfill Space** - When the materials that you recycle go into new products, they don't go into landfills or incinerators, so landfill space is conserved.
- **Saves Money and Creates Jobs** - The recycling process creates far more jobs than landfills or incinerators, and recycling can frequently be the least expensive waste management method for cities and towns.

Information For Senior Citizens

WM offers a 10% discount for Senior Citizens who are the head of the household. This discount would lower your service from \$19.10 per month to \$17.19 per month.

To apply for the discount, the head of the household should stop by City Hall with a driver's license or I.D.

Seniors are also offered an option for a smaller 65 gallon trash cart instead of the 96 gallon trash cart. The smaller cart has wheels and is easier to move. There is no difference in price for the smaller cart.

If you are interested in the smaller cart, call WM at 506-4700 and talk to the service representatives.
