

Recycling Video 2013

Each year Fargo residents avert more than 6,000 tons of garbage from the landfill by recycling. The City of Fargo provides an extensive recycling program with options to fit everyone's needs. Curbside collection is provided for all single family homes and offers bi-weekly collection. In addition, recycling drop sites are located throughout the city.

Jennifer Pickett TC 0 - :10 seconds: We have the drop sites implemented for people who might live in a multi-family dwelling that don't have recycling available to them at their residence.

Curbside recycling

Each residential household is provided, free of charge, with a blue City of Fargo recycling bin which will be picked up every other week on your garbage day. This bin will allow you to reduce the amount of garbage that goes into our City landfill and may also make it possible for you to use a smaller garbage cart.

The Fargo curbside recycling program is able to accept a variety of recyclables:

GRAPHIC:

Newspapers and magazines

Aluminum and tin cans

#1 - 7 Plastic bottles and containers

Glass

Cardboard

GRAPHIC: Newspapers and Magazines

Newspapers and Magazines. Acceptable materials include newspapers or anything delivered *in* newspapers including flyers and inserts. Magazines and catalogs with glossy pages are also accepted. Please do not place large glue bound catalogs or office paper in your bin.

GRAPHIC: Aluminum and Tin Cans

Aluminum and Tin Cans. Beverage, soup, canned food, and coffee cans all fall into this category. However, items such as scrap metal, razor blades, tin foil, nails, aerosol cans, and rusty cans cannot be accepted. Please rinse the cans and place or bend the lids inside the can for safety.

GRAPHIC: Plastics

Plastic containers with recycling symbols 1 through 7 may be recycled. This includes most soda, milk, detergent, yogurt, cottage cheese and shampoo containers along with ice cream pails and margarine tubs. Plastic bags may *not* be recycled. Please rinse all bottles and remove caps and lids.

GRAPHIC: Glass

Glass. Clear, brown and green glass bottles and jars are acceptable for recycling. Ceramic and Pyrex containers, and light bulbs will not be accepted. Please rinse bottles and jars and remove lids and corks. Labels do not need to be removed.

GRAPHIC: Cardboard Cardboard. We accept corrugated cardboard boxes, brown paper bags, and shoe, cereal and food boxes. Freezer boxes *cannot* be recycled. Please be sure to flatten your boxes before putting them out.

Items we do not collect:

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Styrofoam cannot be recycled.

The City of Fargo does not recycle plastic grocery bags curbside, however, several retailers do, such as the Fargo Cashwise, Hornbachers and Wal-Mart locations

Junk mail cannot be recycled in the curbside program.

Phonebooks cannot be recycled in the curbside program, however, they are accepted directly by MinnKota Recycling. Phonebooks may be taken to MinnKota Recycling or the Solid Waste facility year round.

GRAPHIC: Preparing Your Recycling

When placing your recyclables on the curb, please separate them into categories.

Recycling Coordinator Jennifer Pickett says using paper bags or other small containers will help keep them organized.

Jennifer Pickett -

Jennifer explains how to separate and place items on curb.

This is an example of what your separate recycling will look like when you're finished. Flat items should be on the bottom and containers should be separated into paper bags.

If you live in an apartment or have a dumpster for garbage disposal and curbside pick-up is *not available*, please take your recycling to any of the recycling drop-site locations throughout the city.

GRAPHIC: Recycling Drop Sites

Numerous recycling drop sites are located throughout Fargo for those who prefer to recycle at their own convenience. There are two types of drop sites. Full service sites provide recycling bins for all recyclables, plastic bags and compost. Partial service sites only provide containers for recyclables. A list of locations is available on our website at FargoRecycles.com.

GRAPHIC: Compost

Yard waste such as grass clippings, leaves and plants can be composted during summer months at some recycling drop sites. Do not place branches, root systems or debris in the compost bins.

Prohibited items can not only contaminate the compost, but they can damage equipment used to turn the compost rows.

Limited amounts of finished compost are available to residents of Fargo and West Fargo during spring and fall giveaway programs. To learn more visit Fargorecycles.com or call the scale house at 282-2489.

The City of Fargo and the Solid Waste Department would like to thank you for following these simple steps to help maintain a safe and efficient recycling system. If you have question about your cart, collection date or recycling, visit us online at fargorecycles.com or call the Solid Waste Department at 241-1449.