

Scottville, Michigan 2022 Recycling Collection Guide



■ Holiday ■ Recycling

Acceptable Items:

- Cardboard
- Paperboard
- Newspaper and phone books
- Magazines and catalogs
- Mail and office paper
- Plastics #1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 7 (no #6 polystyrenes)
- Metal cans and foil

Please make sure your recyclables are **empty, clean and dry** before placing them in your recycling cart.

Unacceptable Items:

- Large plastics
- Plastic cups/lids
- Electronics
- Polystyrene foam
- Batteries
- Scrap metal
- Tools/screws
- Propane/helium tanks
- Paint cans
- Glass bottles/jars
- Pots/pans/silverware
- String lights/chains/ropes
- Dishes/paper plates/napkins
- Windows/mirrors/ceramics
- Needles/medical waste
- Paper cartons/juice boxes
- Labels/stickers
- Plastic coated/wax paper
- Books
- Wrapping paper/bows

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Thank you for recycling!

Empty. Clean. Dry.

The new way to recycle.



Reduce. Reuse. Recycle. Anyone growing up in the 1970s, '80s or '90s learned the three R's of recycling in school. We were taught to recycle everything we could. We added recycling bins to our homes and classrooms. Recycling became a part of our culture.

In the 40 years since recycling was introduced, Americans recycle nearly 87 million tons per year. That means each of us recycles approximately 1.5 pounds per day! However, the recycling model we all grew up with is changing. We have to change with it.

Trying to recycle unclean or unrecyclable material increases sorting time, slows down the recycling process, damages the facility's equipment and causes contaminants in the bales of clean recyclables. All of this decreases the value of the recyclable items. When this occurs, we have to put the ENTIRE load of recyclables into our landfills due to the contamination.

EMPTY means making sure there is no food or product residue. Make sure all of that goes into the trash or down the drain as part of the empty process.

CLEAN means empty recyclable containers should be rinsed. So, no mustard in the mustard containers or leftover ketchup in the ketchup bottles. If you cannot get a container completely clean, it is best to put it into the trash so as not to contaminate the rest of your recycling material and the overall process.

DRY means letting containers dry before placing all your recycling in the blue cart, and keeping the paper and cardboard dry. Wet or soiled paper and cardboard cannot be recycled.

By practicing **Empty. Clean. Dry.** with our families, we can ensure the recycling materials leaving our homes are in fact recyclable. Together, we are caretakers of this blue planet.



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Recyclable Items



Paper

Office paper
Newspaper
Envelopes
Junk mail
Phone books
Brochures
Magazines
Catalogs



Cardboard

File folders
Poster board
Shipping boxes
(folded flat)
Frozen food boxes
Cardboard boxes
Milk cartons



Metal

Aluminum beverage cans
Food cans
Steel food containers



Plastics #1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 7 (no #6 polystyrenes)

Water bottles
Take-out containers
Soda bottles
Detergent bottles

Non-Recyclable Items

Plastic bags or plastic wrap
Aerosol cans
Aluminum foil
Batteries
Electronic waste
Food waste
Glass
Medication bottles
Mirrors or ceramics
Paint
Pesticides
Pizza boxes
Polystyrene foam
Syringes and needles
Tissue, paper towels and napkins