



Recycling Guide



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Recycling just got easier... mix it all together!

Cardboard



flatten boxes; remove large staples & plastic wrap; tape & labels are OK; must be clean; DO NOT bundle or tie together

Paperboard



flatten; no plastic-coated paperboard that held liquid (e.g. milk cartons)

Newspaper & Phonebooks



remove plastic strapping, rubber bands & plastic bags

Magazines & Catalogs



remove from plastic bags

Mail & Office Paper



put shredded paper in clear plastic bag; staples are OK; plastic windows in envelopes are OK

1 thru 7 Plastic Bottles, Jugs & Tubs



must be stamped 1-7; **NO STYROFOAM**; wash clean; labels are OK; throw away caps & lids

2 & 4 Plastic Shopping Bags



must be empty, clean & dry; must be stamped 2 or 4

Shredded paper should be the only thing in a bag!

Public Residential Recycling Stations

Open to all residents of Kent County

Rockford Recycling Center

2908 Ten Mile Rd, Rockford
Mon. - Sat. 7:30 am - 5:00 pm

Kentwood Recycling Center

5068 Breton SE, Kentwood
Mon. - Fri. 7:30 am - 4:00 pm

Grand Rapids Recycling Center

977 Wealthy SW, Grand Rapids
Mon. - Fri. 7:30 am - 4:00 pm

Metal Cans & Foil



wash clean; labels are OK; aerosol cans must be empty - throw away cap & nozzle

Glass Bottles & Jars



clear & colored food or beverage glass; wash clean; remove lids & recycle (if metal); labels are OK

Do Not Put These Items in the Recycling Bin:

- Large plastics and plastics without recycle symbol: pool covers, tarps, pools, toys, zip-top bags, cling wrap
- * electronics
- plastic caps & lids
- * Styrofoam (plates, cups, take-out boxes, egg cartons, packing material)
- * needles & medical waste
- * batteries
- * scrap metal
- tools, screws & hardware
- * propane & helium tanks
- * paint cans
- pots, pans & silverware
- ceramics
- dishes, paper plates & napkins
- windows, doors & mirrors
- paper cartons & juice boxes
- label & sticker paper; photographs
- plastic-coated or waxy paper
- spiral-bound notebooks
- * books
- pet food bags
- glitter, ribbon or embellishments
- wrapping paper & tissue paper
- greasy or dirty paper
- hazardous substance containers (antifreeze, motor oil, etc.)

* See www.recycleKent.org for disposal options for items with this * symbol

Have questions about what's acceptable or how to prepare it?
Have something you want to dispose of but are not sure how?

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