



RECYCLING

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Iowa's citizens, local governments, business and industry have proactively worked together to protect Iowa's environment by reducing waste, recycling, manufacturing recycled goods and buying recycled-content products. This cooperative effort has built an impressive recycling industry that creates and retains higher wage jobs and businesses.

Recyclable Items

- Screw-top plastics (with caps)
- Yogurt & margarine tubs (no lids)
- Paper food cartons (no caps)
- Newspaper, glossy inserts, & magazines
- Mixed paper & cardboard (break down)
- Wire hangers
- Shredded paper (place in a paper sack)
- Aluminum, tin, & empty aerosol cans
- Glass jars & bottles

Non-Recyclable Items

- Plastic bags
- Aluminum foil & baking tins
- Compostable cups, plates, & utensils
- Plastic cups & tubs, lids & utensils
- Paper cups
- Hazardous Materials Containers
- Food contaminated items (pizza boxes)
- Plastic & styrofoam food containers
- Plastic lids & loose caps
- Garbage or yard debris

Benefits of Recycling

- Reduces the amount of waste sent to landfills & incinerators.
- Conserves natural resources such as timber, water & minerals.
- Increases economic security by tapping a domestic source of materials.
- Prevents pollution by reducing the need to collect new raw materials.
- Saves energy.
- Supports American manufacturing & conserves valuable resources.
- Helps create jobs in the recycling & manufacturing industries in the United States