

RECYCLE!

Why should you recycle?

Good for Our Economy

Several companies rely on recycling programs and recycled products to make new products!

Creates Jobs

In the United States, recycling is a \$236 billion/year industry – this employs more than 1.1 million workers!

Reduces Waste

The average American throws out 7.5lbs of garbage a day!! Much of this can be recycled – reducing the amount of trash in landfills.

Good for the Environment

Recycling requires far less energy, uses fewer natural resources, and keeps waste from piling up in landfills.

Saves Energy

Recycling offers significant energy savings over manufacturing with new materials.

Preserves Landfill Space

Recycling preserves existing landfill space.

Protects Wildlife

Using recycled materials reduces the need to damage forests, wetlands, rivers and other places essential to wildlife.

Creates New Demand

Recycling and buying recycled products creates demand for more recycled products, decreasing waste and helping our economy.



Information from Northeast Michigan Council of Governments – Recycling Fact Sheet

What can be recycled?

- Aluminum cans
- Batteries – car, household, rechargeable
- Cardboard
- Corks
- Electronics – computers, TVs, cell phones, and most other household electronics
- Glass – clear, brown, and green
 - Glass has more restrictions than others when it comes to recycling, ask your local recycle business what they accept
 - Labels 1 & 2 are widely accepted
 - Labels 3, 6, & 7 are less commonly accepted
- Light bulbs
- Paper – magazines, newspapers, office paper, juice/milk cartons, phone books
- Plastic – check the identification code, usually on the bottom
- Plastic bags
- Printer cartridges
- Scrap metal
- Steel
- Steel and tin cans (“soup cans”)

** For more information about what is recyclable, [Waste Management](#) has a lot of great and easily understandable information! **

How can you recycle?

Contact your local trash collector and inquire about their recycling program and/or recycling programs in your area!