

2023 REPUBLIC COUNTY RECYCLING PROGRAM



The Solid Waste department provides a county-wide recycling program. With your cooperation and support this valuable program can remain a viable resource for the citizens of Republic County. When the trailers are taken to the recycle center to be emptied, all items are sorted by hand. Please be diligent to place recyclables in the correct bins so that sorting can be done efficiently. Thank you for supporting the Republic County recycling program.

GENERAL GUIDELINES FOR ACCEPTED MATERIALS

ALL CONTAINERS: Cans, bottles, and packaging must be empty and rinsed. Lids may be left on bottles. Labels may be left on the containers.

NEWSPAPERS & MAIL: Clean and dry. Deposit papers loose in the bin, not in sacks.

MAGAZINES, CATALOGS, PHONE BOOKS, HARD & SOFT COVER BOOKS: Clean and dry. Separate from newspapers. Deposit items loose in the bin, not in sacks or plastic shrink wrap.

TIN, STEEL & ALUMINUM CANS: Rinsed. Labels may be left on the cans.

PLASTICS: Locate the recycling symbol on the bottom of the container.  A number in the center of the symbol indicates the type of plastic. Two types of plastics may be recycled in this program: #1 PETE and #2 HDPE. Items with any other number may not be recycled in this program. #2 HDPE is sorted into two separate bins based on whether the container is clear or not clear.



#1 PETE (Polyethylene Terephthalate): Generally, these are beverage bottles, but may be any plastic with the #1 PETE label. These containers are transparent, either clear or colored. Some fresh vegetables and deli foods are packaged in this plastic.



#2 HDPE (High Density Polyethylene) is sorted according to transparency of the plastic:

CLEAR OR CLOUDY: Typically, these are milk or juice jugs, but may be any cloudy plastic with the #2 HDPE label.

NOT CLEAR: These containers may be any color with the #2 HDPE label. These containers are generally used for laundry products, coffee creamer, coffee, shampoo, lotion, household cleaning products, vitamins and medicines, but may be any color non-clear plastic with the #2 HDPE label.

NOTE-CONCERNING CARDBOARD: A change this year is to separate corrugated cardboard from chip and slick small cardboard where possible. The larger recycling trailers will have one bin specifically designated for the small cardboard and other bins designated for corrugated cardboard. The small trailers will continue to place both corrugated and small cardboard in the same bin because there are not enough bins to separate the two kinds of cardboard. (As of this printing, the new signage has not yet been applied, but will be done early in 2023.)

CORRUGATED CARDBOARD: Clean and dry. Flatten boxes to fit in the recycle bin.

CHIP AND SLICK (SMALL) CARDBOARD: Clean and dry. This light-weight cardboard includes food (eg cake mix boxes) and non-food packaging boxes (eg light bulb packaging), egg cartons, fast food drink trays and backs of note pads. Flatten boxes and cartons before placing in the recycle bin.

GLASS: Glass is not accepted in this program. Place glass in the regular trash.

TIDBITS:

With the help of grant funds, Republic County added a new 14-bin recycling trailer to the fleet in February of 2022. With the addition of this trailer, each of the eight cities in the county will have a dedicated recycling trailer year-round. Citizens may take recyclable materials to any of the recycling trailers in the county. Every trailer has bins for each of the eight kinds of recyclables accepted.

The City of Belleville's recycling site has a cage for bagged shredded paper in addition to the other eight recyclable categories.

Every item which is recycled reduces the weight of the garbage that goes to the Cloud County Transfer Station. This year Republic County will pay \$74.44 per ton to have our trash hauled away. Your participation in the recycling program is greatly appreciated!

