

2025 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 trailers are taken to the recycle center to be emptied, contents are sorted by hand. Please be diligent to place recyclables in the correct bins so that sorting can be done efficiently. Remove recyclables from bags. Do not place bags in the recycling bins. All trailers are double-sided, so if a bin is full, please check the other side of the trailer.

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. Deposit items loose in the bin, not in sacks or plastic shrink wrap.

NOTE: On a few trailers, in order to free up a bin for Glass, the Newspaper/Mail and Magazines/Books bins have been combined to a single bin.

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: New for 2025, different types of cardboard do not need to be separated. Corrugated cardboard and chip/slick/small cardboard may be placed in the same bins. Signage on the cardboard bins will not be changed, but know that you no longer need to separate types of cardboard.

CORRUGATED CARDBOARD: Clean and dry, but used pizza boxes are accepted. Flatten boxes to fit in the recycle bin.

CHIP AND SLICK (SMALL) CARDBOARD: Clean and dry. This light-weight cardboard includes food (e.g. cake mix boxes) and non-food packaging boxes (e.g. 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: As of November 19, 2024, Republic County is accepting most glass products. The Glass bin's sign includes a list of what kinds of glass cannot be accepted.

ACCEPTED: Any color food & beverage containers, drinking glasses, jars for canning, cosmetics and candles (leftover wax is ok).

NOT ACCEPTED: Porcelain, ceramic, milk glass, leaded glass, mirrors, windows, windshields, China, Pyrex, Corningware, Corelle, light bulbs, TV or computer screens.

Unlike the other recyclables, for safety reasons, glass is not hand sorted. Therefore, any foreign items in the glass bin will result in the entire bin being placed in the regular trash.

PLEASE do not place anything but accepted glass items in the Glass bin. This includes bags and mis-sorted other kinds of recyclables.

CAUTION: Never reach inside the glass bin as most likely broken glass will be present. Watch your step around the trailer in case broken glass is on the ground.



TIDBITS:

Each of the eight cities in the county has 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 nine kinds of recyclables accepted.

The City of Belleville's recycling site has a cage for shredded paper in addition to the other nine recyclable categories. Shredded paper is the only recyclable that must be bagged.

Every item which is recycled reduces the weight of the garbage that has to be hauled to a trash landfill outside of the county. As the costs per ton for garbage disposal continues to climb, your participation in the recycling program is greatly appreciated!

 Thank you for supporting the Republic County recycling program 

