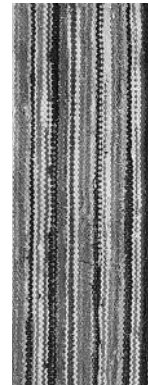


# Recycle

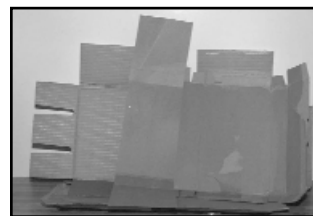
Recycled items are collected and taken to a factory where they are used to make new things. Sometimes they are used to make the same thing. Aluminum cans are recycled to make new aluminum cans. Recycling 16 aluminum cans saves one gallon of gasoline.



Sometimes recycled items are used to make different things. Plastic soda bottles are recycled to make fiber that is used to make clothing and carpet.



Recycling for most people is as close as the curb. There are many things that can be recycled. Most cans, glass bottles and jars, newspapers and cardboard can be recycled. You can also recycle #1 and #2 plastic bottles and jars with a neck. Plastic bottles with other numbers, or bottles without a neck, can't yet be recycled in our area. The number is used to identify the type of plastic. Look for the #1 or #2 on the bottom of the bottle and then recycle.



If you live in a home with curbside collection, you can put items to recycle in a recycling bin or cart, and put it next to the street on recycling day.



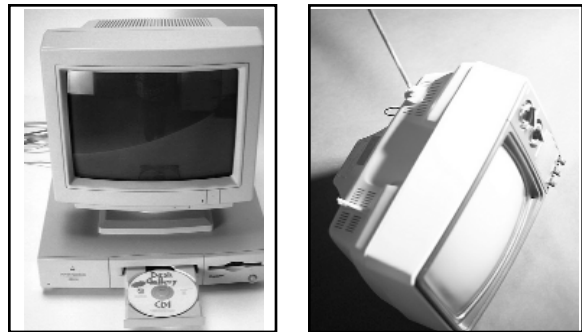
If you live in an apartment, recycling bins are generally located in the basement or outside near the trash containers. Place your items to recycle in the bins. If you do not have recycling bins, a sturdy bag or box will work. Minnesota law says all apartments must have recycling available for their residents.



Not all recyclable items can be picked up at the curb. Some items, like scrap metal may need to be taken to a recycling center in your area.



Many items, like appliances and TVs can not be thrown in the trash and have to be taken to a drop-off center that will manage them properly.



You can check with your city to find out what you can leave on the curb and what you should take to the recycling center. You can also check at [www.GreenGuardian.com](http://www.GreenGuardian.com) to find the number to call for recycling information in your area. According to GreenGuardian, recycling keeps over a million tons of waste out of landfills in the Twin Cities area each year.



You can also buy recycled products. Look for the recycling symbol on the label, or the words “made from recycled material” or “contains recycled content”.

