



**Marquette County Solid Waste Management Authority's (MCSWMA) New Recycling Program**  
**(The new single stream recycling program will be online in the Fall of 2020)**

**What is single-stream recycling?**

Our current recycling system processes cardboard/paper recycling and metal and plastic containers on alternating weeks. This is called *dual-stream recycling*. *Single-stream or mixed recycling* allows residents to put paper, flattened cardboard, plastic, and metal containers in one container for weekly collection (depending on current hauler contract).

**How does this work?**

Marquette County Solid Waste Management Authority (MCSWMA) operates a material recovery facility or MRF. This facility uses technology and people to sort these materials into clean recycling. MCSWMA is making investments to upgrade the MRF to handle both paper items and containers at the same time. This investment also makes it easier for residents to recycle.

**What will we be able to recycle?**

- Flattened cardboard
- Paper and empty paper boxes
- Magazines
- Newspaper
- Empty plastic bottles & beverage or soap containers
- Empty metal food and beverage cans

**What about glass?**

- Due to distance to markets, separated glass will be processed and repurposed locally.
- Depending on your municipality, clean separated glass may be collected curbside, or a drop program may be available. Contact your municipality for program options.
- If no program exists in your municipality, residents are encouraged to deliver clean, separated glass directly to MCSWMA.
- Clean separated glass of all colors will be accepted for processing at MCSWMA.

**How will this affect my recycling collection?**

Curbside customers: Rather than remembering to put your paper items out one week and containers the following week, all recyclable items will be collected weekly in the same cart or hard-walled container. **Please, do not place recyclables in plastic bags.**

Drop-off customers: Similarly, residents who bring their recycling to a drop-off recycling location will be able to mix paper, flattened cardboard, and paper boxes with plastic and metal containers at these locations. This decreases confusion and provides a convenient way for you to recycle.

# MARQUETTE COUNTY RECYCLING GUIDE



Place cardboard, paper, plastic, and metal together in your recycling bin or cart. For those items not collected curbside, please contact the MCSWMA at 906.249.4125 for options.

## LOOSE IN YOUR CURBSIDE BIN OR CART

1

### Cardboard

Remove any shipping materials, break down and flatten boxes.



2

### Mixed Paper

Newspapers, magazines, catalogs, junk mail, office paper, cereal and food boxes



3

### Plastic Containers

Clean and empty food and beverage containers, soap bottles and jugs, empty pill bottles.



4

### Metal Containers

Clean and empty aluminum & metal food and beverage containers.



## NOT COLLECTED CURBSIDE



Plastic and Pet  
Food Bags



Batteries and  
Electronics



Food, Yard, and  
Pet Waste



Medical and Household  
Hazardous Waste

# SEPARATED GLASS COLLECTION OPTIONS



## Glass Containers

Clean and empty bottles & jars. No windows or ceramic containers. Contact your municipality for curbside glass collection or drop-off options.

If glass collection or drop-off is not available in your municipality, residents are encouraged to deliver separated glass containers directly to MCSWMA.



## Leave it Loose!

All recyclables must be loose in the cart. Bagged recyclables are not sorted and plastic bags get tangled in sorting equipment causing recycling to shut down.



## Are You a Wishcycler?

Don't toss questionable items in the recycling bin, hoping they can somehow be recycled. Recycle only the items listed on this card!



*Please contact your hauler for issues with curbside collection.*

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