



RECYCLABLE ITEMS

WHAT CAN BE RECYCLED?

PAPER

- (Flattened and NOT in plastic bags)
- Newspapers, magazines, catalogs
- Corrugated cardboard (staples are okay)
- Clean pizza boxes, pop and beer boxes
- Gray chipboard: cereal, shoe boxes
- Envelopes, junk mail, paper bags
- White, colored and fax paper
- Phone books, paper egg cartons
- Carbonless forms, tissue roll cores
- Paperback books and shredded paper strips

METAL

- Pop, juice and beer aluminum cans
- Rinsed tin-steel food cans
- Aluminum foil, pie pans and trays
- Metal jar lids in flattened cans
- Copper, brass, and aluminum

PLASTIC CONTAINERS

- Rinsed and #1 through #7
- Milk, juice, and cooking oil jugs
- Pop and water bottles
- Dish, shampoo, lotion, soap bottles
- Bleach and detergent containers
- Household cleaning containers
- Margarine and ice cream tubs
- Yogurt cups and microwave trays
- Clean, plastic flower pots

WHAT CANNOT BE RECYCLED?

GLASS

- Glass is not accepted in any form.

PAPER

- Milk and juice paperboard cartons
- Disposable diapers
- Food-encrusted pizza boxes
- Cereal box liners, feed/seed bags
- Photographs, foil greeting cards
- Slick-coated frozen food boxes
- Plastic egg cartons
- Tissue paper, foil gift wrap
- Hardback books, Tyvek envelopes
- Paper plates, cups and napkins

METAL

- Paint and aerosol containers
- Pesticide and chemical containers
- Oil filters and batteries (batteries can be recycled at City Hall)
- Syringes, needles and sharps
- Weight over 40 lbs., not flattened
- Lengths over 3 feet, knives

PLASTIC

- Plastic bags and film wrap
- Anti-freeze & motor oil containers
- Pesticide and chemical containers
- Plastic with no recycling symbol
- Prescription pill bottles (orange)
- Styrofoam, toys, laundry baskets
- Unsanitary containers

- Mirror and window glass
- Drinking glasses, vases
- Crystal, Pyrex and ovenware
- Ceramic cups, plates, pottery
- Light bulbs, clay flower pots

HELPFUL RECYCLING GUIDELINES

Please have all recyclables set at curbside by 6:00 a.m. Recyclables need NOT be sorted and may be combined in one or more containers. There is no limit to the amount of recyclables that may be set out for collection. Residents are encouraged to use the durable green City issued recycling bins for recycling. Additional bins may be purchased at City Hall for \$15 each. Any other container used for recycling must be clearly marked with the word "recycling" and/or the recycling symbol.

REFUSE COLLECTION QUESTIONS

How much trash can I set out each week?

Your monthly solid waste base fee (found on your City of Galena utility bill) pays for not more than **ONE** 45-gallon container, not exceeding 40 lbs., per residence per weekly garbage collection day.

What if I have more than one container of garbage?

For residents who periodically have more than one container of trash, special tags may be purchased to set out additional containers or bags for collection. Tags may be purchased for \$1.25 each at Tammy's Piggly Wiggly, City Hall, or by calling Montgomery Trucking at 815-777-0672. As an alternative, residents may subscribe to utilize a second 45-gallon container for weekly pickup. The cost of this second container would be \$5.00 per month and would be added to the monthly utility bill. There is no limit to the amount of recyclables that may be set out for collection.

How am I to set out my trash?

Refuse must be set out to the curb or alley line by 6:00 a.m. on the scheduled collection day. Containers must not be set out more than one day before the day of collection. Emptied containers must be removed from the curb or alley by the end of the day of collection. Containers must be heavy-duty, waterproof, and manufactured for refuse with a lid. Heavy-duty plastic bags manufactured for garbage are acceptable if closed and not torn or open. Weight of a standard individual container or bag and contents must not exceed 40 lbs.

YARD WASTE QUESTIONS

What is yard waste?

Yard waste includes grass clippings, leaves, pinecones, pine needles, fallen fruit, brush, garden plants and culls, tree trimmings, bark, sod, flowers, potted plants, (no pots), pumpkins, straw bales, and corn stalks. Christmas trees are considered yard waste, but may be disposed of at no cost at drop-off sites available seasonally in various neighborhoods. The City makes available a site for depositing trees and branches downed in storms. Please call City Hall at 815-777-1050 for more information.

Am I required to use paper yard waste bags for my yard waste?

No. You may set your yard waste out in a rigid solid waste container (up to 45-gallons). If you do not have a rigid solid waste container, then you must use biodegradable paper yard waste bags. Bio-degradable plastic bags are accepted.

Do I need a special tag to set out yard waste for collection?

Yes. A yard waste tag is needed for each container or bag set out for collection. Tags may be purchased for \$2.00 each at Tammy's Piggly Wiggly, City Hall, or by calling Montgomery Trucking at 815-777-0672.

LARGE ITEM QUESTIONS

How can I dispose of appliances and other oversized items?

Oversized items such as appliances and furniture are **NOT** permitted for normal collection. Arrangements may be made directly with Montgomery Trucking at 815-777-0672 for the collection of oversized items. A fee applies. Appliances include: microwaves, stoves, refrigerators, freezers, hot water heaters, trash compactors, washers, dryers, dehumidifiers, ovens, dishwashers, air conditioners, garbage disposals, water softeners, furnaces and other similar items.

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