Recycling Guide

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Thanks for recycling at Kent County's recycling stations!

Cardboard

flatten boxes; remove large staples & plastic wrap; tape & labels are OK; must be clean; DO NOT bundle or tie together

Paperboard

flatten; no plastic-coated paperboard that held liquid (e.g. milk cartons)

Newspaper & Phonebooks

remove plastic strapping, rubber bands & plastic bags

Magazines & Catalogs

remove from plastic bags

Mail & Office Paper

put shredded paper in clear plastic bag; staples are OK; plastic windows in envelopes are OK

1 thru 7 Plastic Bottles, Jugs & Tubs

must be stamped 1-7; **NO STYROFOAM**; wash clean; labels are OK; throw away caps & lids

2 & 4 Plastic Shopping Bags

must be empty, clean & dry; must be stamped 2 or 4

Metal Cans & Foil

wash clean; labels are OK; aerosol cans must be empty - throw away cap & nozzle

Glass Bottles & Jars

clear & colored food or beverage glass; wash clean; remove lids & recycle (if metal); labels are OK

Shredded paper should be the only thing in a bag!

Public Residential Recycling Stations

Open to all residents of Kent County

Rockford Recycling Station
2908 Ten Mile Rd, Rockford
Mon. - Sat. 7:30 am - 5:00 pm

Kentwood Recycling Station
5068 Breton SE, Kentwood
Mon. - Fri. 7:30 am - 4:00 pm

Grand Rapids Recycling Station
977 Wealthy SW, Grand Rapids
Mon. - Fri. 7:30 am - 4:00 pm

Do Not Put These Items in the Recycling Bin:

- ***large plastics and plastics without recycle symbol: pool covers, tarps, pools, toys, zip-top bags, cling wrap***
- ***✻ electronics***
- ***plastic caps & lids***
- ***✻ Styrofoam (plates, cups, take-out boxes, egg cartons, packing material)***
- ***✻ needles & medical waste***
- ***✻ batteries***
- ***✻ scrap metal***
- ***tools, screws & hardware***
- ***✻ propane & helium tanks***
- ***✻ paint cans***
- ***pots, pans & silverware***
- ***string lights, chains, ropes***
- ***dishes, paper plates & napkins***
- ***windows, doors & mirrors, ceramics***
- ***paper cartons & juice boxes***
- ***label & sticker paper; photographs***
- ***plastic-coated or waxy paper***
- ***spiral- bound notebooks***
- ***✻ books***
- ***pet food bags***
- ***glitter, ribbon or bows***
- ***wrapping paper & tissue paper***
- ***greasy or dirty paper***
- ***hazardous substance containers (antifreeze, motor oil, etc.)***

✻ See www.recycleKent.org for disposal options for items with this ✻ symbol

30% post-consumer recycled paper

Have questions about what's acceptable or how to prepare it?
Have something you want to dispose of but are not sure how?

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