



RECYCLING INFORMATION



Recycling pickup is every other week and must be set out on the curb by 7:00 a.m.

The City of Centralia operates a curbside pickup for recyclables in your neighborhood. This service is **FREE** and is in addition to your regular trash pickup. You can start voluntary recycling at any time on the schedule. **YOU DON'T HAVE TO NOTIFY ANYONE.** Just separate the five types of materials and set them out next to your ordinary trash. Recyclables only are collected in the front curb or edge of the street. A truck and trailer will come by and gather the recyclables. Weather does not affect pickup schedule. In case of rain, however, try putting a plastic covering over the recyclables. The plastic will be left behind.

NEWSPRINT



Newspapers only. Stuff all newspapers into a paper bag or bundle with string. No magazines. Phone books must have all glossy pages and covers removed.

PLASTIC



The City can now collect almost all varieties of household plastics (except PVC pipe) for recycling. The plastic will become material for new products made by a small industry in Millersburg Missouri. All **plastic** items can be mixed when put out for City collection. For more information about this new recycling effort, check out the list of "Do's and Don'ts" on the back of this sheet or go to the City website www.centraliamo.org or contact City Hall at 573-682-2139.

WE ARE UNABLE TO TAKE

- Plastic trash bags
- Glossy paper or wax coated materials

WATCH OUT FOR

- Contaminants: Anything that detracts from the value and marketability of recyclables. Try to keep out metal attachments, plastic linings, film or tape, grease, food residue, toxic substances.
- Must be 100% separated by category.

ALUMINUM

ONLY BEVERAGE CANS!



GLASS

Glass containers: jars, jugs, bottles. Remove lids and caps. Separate clear glass from colored glass. No plate, auto glass, mirrors, or ceramic dishware.



FOOD CANS

Steel/tin cans should be washed and smashed.



Please Note:

What you do **CAN** make a difference! Please help Centralia lead the way toward a better tomorrow.

Americans are throwing away over 160 million tons of trash every year. This is about 50 pounds of trash a week for the average American family. Currently only about 10% of it is recycled.



LIST OF PLASTIC DO'S AND DON'TS



Please Do:

- Remove all metal from any plastic.
- Screws, staples, hinges, etc.
- Pumps from lotion bottles, spray nozzles from household cleaner bottles need to be removed. Most sprayers/pumps/ nozzles have a steel spring and ball inside and this part of the container cannot be recycled.
- Dismantle plastic appliance removing all parts that might be metal (such as screws, hinges, etc).
- Remove push button from laundry detergent bottles as most of them have a steel spring inside.
- Remove all liquid from containers.
- Dispose of leftover detergent, water oil, or any liquid remaining in containers.
- Peanut butter, mayonnaise and syrup containers need to be pre-washed – all other containers are safe to leave as is.

Please Don't:

- Don't pre-wash all bottles. Save your time. Only pre-wash peanut butter, mayonnaise and syrup containers.
- Don't remove labels from container. Again, save your time. There is no need to remove labels on plastic items.
- Don't sort plastic containers:
 - There is not need to sort your plastics by number type. We accept number 1, 2, 4, and 5. If you have number 3 or any other type of plastic, dispose in your regular trash. We do not accept PVC piping.
- Don't remove caps from soda bottles, etc. We would prefer them left on the bottles.
- Don't wash motor oil or vegetable oil containers. We ask that you drain these types of containers thoroughly but it is not necessary to pre-wash them.