



# City of Sheboygan Recycling

## 2016 Recycling Tonnage

- Aluminum Containers 41.56
  - Corrugated Cardboard 304.19
  - Glass Containers 746.70
  - Newspaper 1550.82
  - Plastic containers 189.28
  - Mixed Paper 138.23
  - Single Source Co-mingled 158.49
  - Steel & Bi-metal 77.80
- Total 3207.07

## Benefits to Recycling

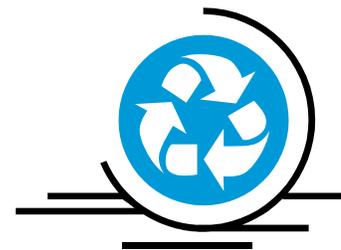
Recycling is beneficial for the City of Sheboygan for a variety of reasons. It helps lower the cost of landfilling solid waste by removing recyclable material from the waste stream. Additionally, it lowers the volume of space used in landfills.

The City of Sheboygan makes approximately 16,000 stops a week on the garbage and recycling routes. On average, the Department of Public Works picks up 64 tons of recycling and 240 tons of garbage weekly. By recycling the City diverts over 3,000 tons from reaching the landfill and reduces the fee to landfill waste by a yearly average of 30 percent.

In addition to curbside collection, DPW also recycles material that is brought to the Recycling Center at the Municipal Service Building.

In 2016, DPW composted 2,204 tons of yard waste and 1,201 tons of leaves. Over 7,500 gallons of waste oil and 159 tons of scrap metal were also recycled along with 124 tires.

Lastly, tree and brush branches that are collected by the City's Forestry staff and citizens are ground into mulch that is provided free of charge to the citizens.



## Increasing Recycling

Even though there are many benefits to recycling, we can do better. Recycling tonnage has been decreasing locally and nationally. Some of this reduction can be attributed to the electronic media. Newsprint has decreased from 18 million tons in the year 2000 to 2

million tons in 2015. However, cross-contamination has also resulted in decreased material tonnages. For an example, plastic grocery bags can shut down Material Recycling Facilities. The bags can wrap around the sorting equipment or they pass through the sorting and **(Continued)**



## Did you Know?

DPW employees have collected 68,727 tons of recycling material since 1996.

By recycling this material the City has been able to save \$2.8 million dollars in landfilling costs

According to Waste Management:

Americans currently discard about 2.7 million tons of aluminum each year. Of that, about 50 percent is recycled. Recycling one aluminum can saves enough energy to run a television for three hours.

Most glass bottles and jars produced in the United States now contain at least 27 percent recycled glass - which also saves on energy to produce glass made from new materials.

Every year the United States produces enough plastic film in this country to shrink-wrap Texas. Americans recycle more than 2.4 billion pounds of plastic each year; it only makes up around 27 percent of the waste stream.

## Sheboygan Recycling Efforts

Every ton of paper that is recycled saves:

- 17 Trees
- 7,000 Gallons of water
- 380 Gallons of oil
- Enough energy to heat your home for 6 months
- 3 Cubic feet of landfill space

Since 1996 the City of Sheboygan has saved:

- 717,264 Trees
- 295,344,000 Gallons of water
- 16,032,960 Gallons of oil
- 21,096 Years' worth of energy for a single home
- Enough debris to fill a football field 60 feet high

## Increasing Recycling Continued

end up in the paper bales. Plastic containers that contained food and are not properly washed can contaminate an entire bale of collected plastic. Paper products that are stained with grease or food cannot be recycled. This is especially true for pizza boxes. Water is used during the recycling process and the grease from food mixes with the water and is absorbed by the paper fibers. In addition, used paper towels, paper plates, paper napkins, and paper cups should all be disposed in the garbage. Juice containers and glass jars that contained food must be rinsed clean to help prevent cross contamination.



## Do's and Don'ts of Recycling

### Do Recycle (paper products)

- Newspapers and inserts
- Magazines, catalogs and phone books
- Corrugated cardboard (boxes flattened and cut into manageable size)
- Paper grocery bags

### Do Not Recycle (paper products)

- Paper that has been contaminated with food
- Paper coffee cups
- Used or paper towel products
- Gift wrapping paper
- Bows and ribbons and foil gift wrap

### Do Recycle (metals)

- Aluminum cans
- Steel or tin food containers
- Aluminum foil products

### Do Not Recycle (metals)

- Empty aerosol cans
- Empty paint cans

### Do Not Recycle (glass)

- Kitchen glass ware, Pyrex and ceramics
- Window glass
- Light bulbs

### Do Recycle (plastic)

The best way to recycle plastic is by Shape - bottles, jars and jugs

- #1 PET bottles (includes clear, green and blue bottles) - these are used for soda, water, cooking oils, peanut butter, ketchup, etc.
- #2 HDPE bottles and tubs (all colors) - these bottles are typically used for milk, shampoo, and laundry products
- #3 PVC bottles and containers
- #4 LDPW bottles and containers
- #5 Polypropylene bottles and containers
- #6 Polystyrene bottles and containers
- #7 Plastic bottles and containers

### Do Not Recycle (plastic)

- Styrofoam food containers
- Take out containers and donut boxes
- Plastic bags (return to participating retailers)
- Motor oil and other automotive product containers
- Pesticide and herbicide containers
- Medical supplies

## Did you Know

### Continued:

Paper products make up about 71 million tons (or 29 percent) of the municipal waste stream. Paper products are recycled at a rate of 63 percent (45 million tons) annually.

When you break that number down by population, roughly 334 pounds of paper is recycled for every person in the United States.

Plastic grocery and produce sacks are commonly placed in recycle bins. These bags can shut down an entire recycling plant and should be kept out of our recycling bin. Plastic bags are often collected in barrels at grocery stores, and usually end up as plastic lumber.

How can you tell what kinds of plastic to put into your recycling bin? The code number on the bottom of your product is not a reliable indicator of whether something can get recycled. Recycle by shape. Bottles, jars, and jugs – is the best way to know what is accepted.



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## City of Sheboygan Recycling Center

The Recycling Center is open Monday through Friday from 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM and Saturday from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Materials brought to the Recycling Center may be accepted or rejected at the discretion of the site attendant. Please keep children in vehicle while dropping items off

### Items Accepted at the Residential Recycling Center

- Grass clippings, leaves, branches and brush and garden waste
- Waste or used motor oil and cooking oil (no containers over 5 gallons)
- Scrap metal, non-freon appliances, and automobile batteries

### Items NOT Accepted at the Residential Recycling Center

These items must be taken to private outlets:

- Electronic waste such as TVs, computers, printers, and microwaves,
- furniture, mattresses, paint, plaster, drywall (sheet rock), shingles or roofing materials
- Brick or stone, concrete, gravel, tires or porcelain
- Commercial garbage or hazardous waste
- Items too large for residential pick-up
- Any freon appliances such as dehumidifiers, refrigerators, air conditioners, freezers, will have to be disposed of at private disposal outlets or private recycling centers

## Public Works

### Department of Public Works Vision:

Provide a professional Public Works organization that will offer quality infrastructure and services in a sustainable way that will contribute to making Sheboygan a desirable place to work, live and play.

### Department of Public Works Mission:

Improve the quality of life by effectively developing, maintaining and improving the infrastructure, natural resources and community services.

### Department of Public Works Goals:

Provide quality infrastructure that conveys safe, efficient delivery of essential goods and services.

Provide clean and beautiful public spaces that maximize the natural environment to enhance the overall quality of life.

Deliver professional quality public service with a friendly and welcoming atmosphere.