



IMPORTANT TRAINING COMPONENTS

New Program Start Date: April 1

- New Program makes it Easier Than Ever by allowing residents to Mix It All Together ELIMINATING the need for sorting.
- Use current recycling receptacle until cart is delivered. **Cart delivery begins on April 22 for residents who sign up by March 15.**
- Cart Program only applies to single family households and multi-family dwellings up to six units that have confirmed addresses within the City of Decatur corporate limits.
- New Program will accept an expanded list of recyclable items. **This list is also available on-line at www.decaturil.gov.**
 - Please place all recyclable items loose in the cart
 - Flatten all cardboard/boxes and place in cart
 - Do not bind or bundle any items
 - All containers to be emptied and rinsed

Recyclable items include:

PAPER

- Newspaper and inserts
- Magazines
- Catalogs
- Phone Books
- Junk Mail and Envelopes
- Office paper
- Copy Paper
- School paper
- Hard Back Books(remove cover)
- Soft Back books
- Brown paper sacks
- Shredded Paper

CARDBOARD (Please Flatten)

- Cardboard
- Cereal boxes
- Paperboard boxes
- Soda Cases
- Beer Cases
- Shoe Boxes
- Frozen Food Box

METAL/ALUMINUM

- Aluminum cans
- Aluminum foil
- Aluminum tins
- Steel cans
- Tin containers
- Aerosol cans
- Metal Lids

PLASTIC

- Containers Clear and Colored Plastics Including #1,2,3,4,5,7)
- Water Bottles
- Soda Bottles
- Milk Jugs
- Juice Beverage Jugs
- Detergent Bottles
- Fabric Softener
- Household cleaners
- Yogurt containers
- Margarine Tubs
- Ketchup bottles

GLASS

- Beverage Containers
- Food Containers
- Jars
- Clear Glass
- Brown Glass
- Green Glass

Non Recyclable Items Include

- 1. NO Plastic Bags:** Plastic bags are the WORST contaminant in the recycling bin. When placed in a curbside bin, they get wet and dirty and cannot be recycled.
- 2. NO Materials in Plastic Bags:** Workers have to slow the conveyor belts to rip open bags that contain recyclables and then add the bag to the heap of bags bound for the landfill. These inefficiencies waste time and money.
- 3. NO Plastic Toys:** Many toys have more than one plastic resin, or have steel pieces in them, or simply have nothing about them that is recyclable.
- 4. NO Scrap Metal:** Scrap metal items of any size should not go in your curbside bin. These items cause excessive damage to the recycling equipment.
- 5. NO Hazardous Waste:** Hazardous waste such as paint, automotive fluids, car batteries and pesticides.
- 6. NO Diapers or Other Bio-Hazardous Waste:** Syringes and needles, diapers and other sanitary products are not recyclable.
- 7. NO Non-Recyclable Plastics:** While we have added new plastic items, many plastics are still not recyclable. Plastic lids, foam (Styrofoam®) and any other plastics not listed in our recycling guidelines are not recyclable because stable markets do not exist for these materials.
- 8. NO Flattened Containers:** The single-stream sorting equipment separates “flats” (paper) from “rounds” (containers). When containers are flattened, the equipment mistakenly sends them to the paper side of the facility, significantly contaminating the paper we’re sending to market.
- 9. NO Caps or Lids on Glass Bottles or Jars:** Metal lids can be removed and recycled loose in the bin. Plastic lids and caps from glass bottles and jars should be thrown away.
- 10. NO Liquids:** When we compact bottles for shipping, liquids drip, splatter and explode all over the floor, creating a sticky, smelly mess on the sorting floor. Please completely empty and quickly rinse out all containers before recycling.
- 11. NO Ceramics or Non-Recyclable Glass:** Ceramic, china, dishes, mirrors, light bulbs, Pyrex®, porcelain and window glass should not go in the bin! Their different melting points and chemical compositions will ruin new glass bottles. If our buyer sees just one of these on the top of a load of glass, the entire load could be rejected.
- 12. NO Electronics**