

Recycling Pickup & Drop Off

Acceptable & Unacceptable Materials



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Below is a list of commonly-recycled items that are acceptable and unacceptable for recycling in Bloomington. For more information on how to dispose of specific items, view Recycle Coach on the Solid Waste page, download the Recycle Coach app, available on the App Store or Google Play, or contact Public Works using the information below.

ACCEPTABLE

(MUST BE CLEAN AND EMPTY)

- Steel and aluminum containers and foil
- Glass containers (bottles and jars only)
- Plastic containers (bottles, tubs, jugs, and jars only; replace lids and caps)
- Paper (cardboard, office paper, newspapers, and magazines)

UNACCEPTABLE

- Spray paint cans or pesticide cans
- Plastic bags and plastic wrap (return clean bags to retailer)
- Wood
- Scrap metal
- Styrofoam
- Tanglers (i.e., hangers, hoses, wire, cords, ropes, or chains)
- Clothing, textiles, or shoes
- Food, liquid, diapers, batteries, or needles
- Shredded paper (unless bagged)
- Dirt, sod, or any other waste that includes dirt
- Brush (trees, shrubs, and bushes)
- Garden trimmings (flowers, plants, fruit trimmings, vegetable trimmings, and pumpkins)
- Bulk (furniture, items of waste generated by cleaning out a house, and basement, interior, and exterior remodeling debris)
- Other Waste, including appliances*, electronics, grass and thatch clippings, propane tanks, concrete*, rock*, shingles*, and brick*

**While these materials can be collected curbside or dropped off at the Citizen Convenience Center, they are not included in recycling. Customers must call Public Works at 309-434-2225 for an estimate and to schedule a pickup for curbside pickup or an estimate will be provided at the Citizen Convenience Center when dropped off. The charge is the same for curbside pickup and drop off. These materials must be cleaned so that they do not contain dirt.*

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Do's & Don'ts



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The do's and don'ts listed below are additional requirements to improve safety, efficiency, and cost.

1. Only materials generated by the resident will be collected by City crews. Commercial waste is not acceptable.
2. Garbage and recycling carts must be placed in the parkway (typically the area between the sidewalk and the curb) or at the end of the driveway near the street (especially if cars park along the street during the day) no earlier than 2 p.m. on the day prior to scheduled pickup and no later than 6 a.m. on the day of pickup. Emptied carts must be removed from the curb no later than 9 a.m. on the day following pickup and stored in a location that is not visible from the street.
3. Garbage and recycling carts must be placed at least 4 feet from garbage or recycling carts, other solid waste materials (including brush, garden trimmings, and bulk), trees, poles, mailboxes, fire hydrants, inlets, utility infrastructure, power lines, or other objects, and at least 10 feet away from vehicle parked in the street.
4. Garbage and recycling carts must be placed with the arrows on the cart lid pointing toward the street. The lid must be closed to prevent damage to the cart during pickup and to prevent spillage. An overloaded cart with an open lid will not be collected.
5. Carts with black lids are for garbage, and carts with blue lids are for recycling. Household garbage placed in a recycling cart with a blue lid will not be collected.
6. Clean carts periodically with water.
7. **Don't** store carts near a fireplace, furnace, grill or other heat source.
8. **Don't** place leaves, garden trimmings, brush, hot ashes, solvents, paint, dead animals, chemicals, oils, liquids, or medical waste such as exposed needles or used bandages in a garbage cart or recycling cart. Household hazardous waste is **not** accepted curbside or at the Citizen Convenience Center. Needles must be placed in a sealed coffee can or laundry detergent container with the ends broken off from the dispenser units. The sealed container should be labeled "SHARPS" and placed inside a garbage cart for pickup.
9. **Don't** allow children or pets to play in or on the cart.

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Recycling Drop Off

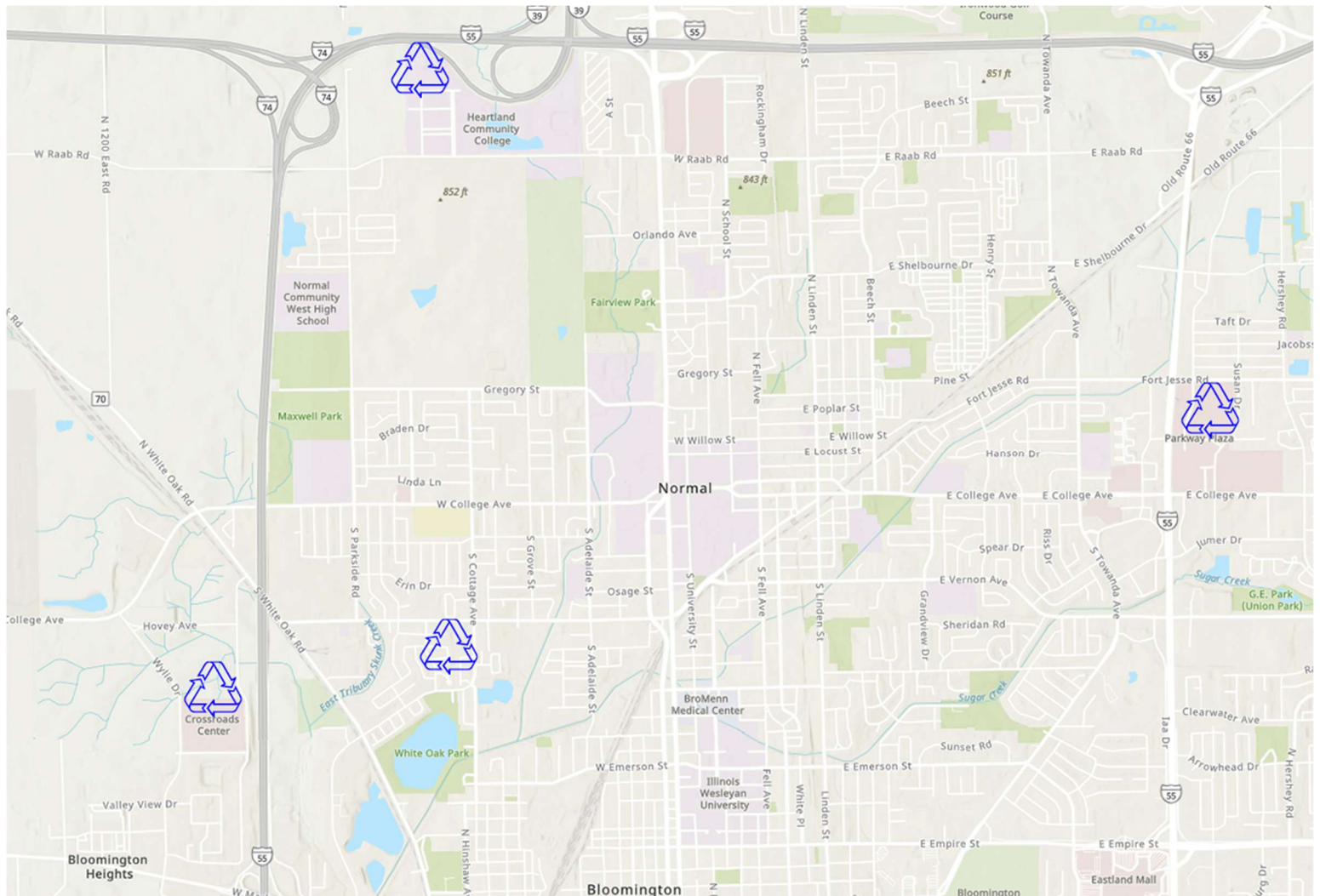
Drop Box Recycling Program



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The City of Bloomington, Town of Normal, and County of McLean fund the Drop Box Recycling Program. Midwest Fiber operates drop boxes for recycling at various, convenient locations. Each drop box is accessible 24 hours a day, seven days a week, and accepts glass and plastic containers, corrugated cardboard, and paper products. The current locations of the drop boxes are as follows (see below map):

- Wal-Mart, 300 Greenbriar Drive, Normal, Illinois
- YouthBuild McLean County, Crossroads Center, 360 Wylie Dr #305, Normal, Illinois
- Heartland Community College, 1500 W Raab Road, Parking Lot K, Normal, Illinois
- Jewel-Osco, 901 South Cottage Avenue, Normal, Illinois



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Programs, Carts, & Additional Fees



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Low Income Fee

The City offers a discounted rate for solid waste pickup based on an individual's income. This is found in City Code Chapter 21, Section 301.8. The qualifying criteria for this discount is based on the federal poverty guidelines as provided in the Federal Register issued by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services each year. In order to receive the discount, an individual or household must provide proof of income that is below the federal poverty guidelines. Applicants and/or co-applicants must submit the Low Income Fee Application with proof of the last 30 days of income

Waste Container Assistance

The City offers short-term and long-term waste container assistance for those who are certified by a licensed physician through the Written Medical Certification process. Once a residence qualifies for Waste Container Assistance, Public Works will move garbage and/or recycling carts from a location visible from the street to the curb to collect garbage and/or recycling and then move garbage and/or recycling carts back to the same location visible from the street. Please see the Medical Certification for Water Service, Waste Container Assistance, and Alley Plowing Assistance for more details.

Carts, Cart Sizes, and Cart Fees

All residential properties that participate in the Solid Waste Program should have a garbage cart and a recycling cart with a monthly cart fee. If you would like to order a new garbage cart, switch garbage cart sizes, order a new recycling cart, or order additional recycling carts, please contact Public Works using one of the methods listed below. There is a \$30 administrative fee to switch from a smaller garbage cart to a larger garbage cart, but there is no fee for switching from a larger garbage cart to a smaller garbage cart. There is no fee to order additional recycling carts.

Additional Garbage Bag Sticker Fee

Residents can purchase stickers to be placed on additional bags that do not fit in the provided container, so long as the bags are not more than 35 pounds. The stickers cost \$3.00 each. The stickers are designed to accommodate households on those occasions when they dispose of more trash than usual – during holidays, for example. Stickers do not replace carts. All users will be assigned a cart and charged a monthly fee. The stickers may be purchased on weekdays from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at The Hub located at the Government Center, 115 E. Washington Street, Suite 103.

Cart Sharing Program

Landlords may want to contact their tenants and work on logistical issues and a system of cart-sharing. While a cart-sharing system may be worked out among the owner and tenants, every apartment unit is treated and billed by the City as an individual customer.

The owner of a multiple-family dwelling may elect to have multiple tenants share garbage carts by enrolling in the Cart Sharing Program. A landlord can bundle multiple buildings in the cart-sharing agreement if the buildings are on the same parcel or if the buildings are on adjacent lots with no street dividing them. Under cart sharing, every tenant is charged the lowest rate on the City's rate schedule. If the landlord pays the solid waste fee, which is included on water bills, the landlord will be charged the minimum fee per unit. There will be no fee for switching carts under the cart-sharing program. Landlords must submit an application, which is subject to approval by the Director.

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