



## RECYCLING TIPS FOR CITIZENS

The City of Rapid City Material Recovery Facility recycles the following materials:

TYPE OF MATERIAL	<i>WHAT BELONGS IN BLUE BINS/CURBISDE PICK-UP:</i>
Plastics	Milk & detergent jugs; soda bottles; water bottles; empty oil containers; hair care product bottles; food containers; empty paint containers. <b>No Styrofoam!</b> Any item with any number from 1-5 inside the triangle on bottom of item. Please triple-rinse pesticide or other containers that contained toxic substances. Plastic bags, food wraps, and films cannot be recycled at our facility at this time. *See note 2
Aluminum	Beverage cans; health care items (hair spray cans, shave cream cans). No aluminum foil.
Steel	Vegetable cans; coffee cans, empty/almost empty paint cans, soup cans; depleted aerosol cans.
Glass	Beverage bottles, jars (please remove lids) No window panes or sheet glass.
Steel	Vegetable cans; coffee cans; empty paint cans; soup cans; empty aerosol cans
<i>WHAT BELONGS AT NEIGHBORHOOD DROP LOCATIONS:</i>	
Newspapers	Newsprint paper, including that used for packing material; flyers included in newspapers.
Yard Waste	Tree branches, grass clippings, paper RALF bags used for hauling, leaves, Christmas trees, miscellaneous organic yard materials. <b>NO PLASTIC BAGS, PLEASE!</b>
Cardboard	Corrugated only: Moving boxes, beer case boxes, food boxes, etc. Nothing shiny or waxy. No cereal boxes.
<i>WHAT NOT TO PLACE IN <u>ANY</u> CONTAINER THAT IS "RECYCLE BLUE":</i>	
<b>NO:&gt;</b>	<b>STYROFOAM, PLASTIC BAGS AND FILMS, ALUMINUM FOIL, PACKING "PEANUTS", CEREAL BOXES, SHINY-SURFACED CARDBOARD, WINDOW GLASS, AND PLEASE NO GARBAGE.</b>
Notes:	Note 1 – It is no longer necessary to remove labels or rinse the containers, although rinsing containers does help keep your blue bin clean. Note 2 – Walmart and Safeway except plastic bags and films (See section below)

## **WHAT FILM PLASTICS ARE RECYCLABLE?**

- Your local Safeway and Walmart stores will accept clean, dry shopping bags (receipts and string handles removed) and other “film plastics” to include the following:
  - grocery bags
  - retail bags
  - paper towel and toilet paper roll wrap
  - newspaper “rain protector” bags
  - dry cleaning bags and films
  - any clean, clear bag labeled with a #2 or #4.

Look for the large, square cardboard receptacles in the entrance foyers of the stores.

- Durable canvass or nylon bags are available through [www.reusablebags.com](http://www.reusablebags.com)
- For reasons to say “No thanks, I’m trying to quit” see the [Plastic Bag Presentation](#)

## **WHAT HAPPENS TO MATERIALS THAT ARE NOT RECYCLED?**

- Biodegradable materials (food waste, paper products) become co-compost in a process at the Material Recycling Facility.
- Everything else is goes to the landfill, including glass, plastic, steel, and aluminum. Some plastic bags may enter the recycling process, since they are very difficult to remove entirely from the co-compost stream. They will become shredded and appear in the co-compost.
- Co-compost is tested and available in limited quantities at no cost to the public. Yard waste compost is available in unlimited quantities at a minimal cost.

**THANKS FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION!**

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