

# RECYCLING IN NORTHWEST IOWA

The following items may be brought to the landfill, but are to be kept separate from the garbage.

**Tires:** Tires can be brought to the landfill, but are to be disposed of on the tire pile only. There is a charge for car tires of \$2.00, truck tires - \$5.00, tractor tires - \$15.00, large equipment tires, such as terrigator, maintainer, scraper, etc. - \$50.00 per tire.

**Used Oil:** We have a tank for the disposal of used oil at the landfill.

**Lead Acid Batteries:** We have a separate area for the storage of used lead acid batteries or you can bring them to a scrap metal dealer in your area.

**Concrete:** Concrete can be crushed for use on the roads or as rip-rap in streams, rivers and lakes. It can also be brought to the landfill if it is clean and free from rebar.

**Metals - Ferrous and Nonferrous:** Iron, tin, and white goods can be taken to scrap metal dealers in your area. We accept these items and they are to be kept separate from the garbage and brought to the appropriate areas.

**Pesticide Containers:** Pesticide containers are to be pressure rinsed or punctured triple rinsed for recycling. These can be brought to the landfill for recycling or returned to the business where it was purchased.

**Paints:** We do not accept liquid paint. We will accept the container, if the lid is removed and the interior is dry. Pour kitty litter or floor-dri into the paint can to absorb the paint. Then dispose of it in the trash. If you have excess paint, give it away to a neighbor or friend.

**Household Chemicals:** Use it up for the intended use of the product or give the remainder to a neighbor or friend. If the container is empty, you can dispose of it in the garbage. The regional collection center for Household Hazardous Material is open and located at the Landfill site. Please call for an appointment and for further information.

**Yard Waste:** Grass and leaves can be mulched and left on the lawn or taken to the designated site in your city. Trees and branches should also be taken to the designated site in your city. You should check with your city clerk for the proper procedure on this.



*What Should  
I Do With All  
This Junk?*

**THE ANSWER  
IS INSIDE... .**

**Northwest Iowa Area  
Solid Waste Landfill**

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# STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The Northwest Iowa Area Solid Waste Agency was formed in 1972 with the intent of providing cost effective and environmentally sound solid waste management options to the citizens of Sioux, O'Brien, Osceola, Clay and Lyon Counties.

The goals of the Agency have not changed since 1972, but have been refined and added to:

1. To operate cost effective and environmentally sound facilities.
2. To comply with Federal and State solid waste management regulations for operating agency facilities, including compliance with waste management hierarchy.
  - a. source reduction
  - b. recycling
  - c. incineration with energy recovery
  - d. incineration for volume reduction
  - e. landfilling
3. To educate the users of the Agency facility about proper waste management.

## RECYCLING IN NORTHWEST IOWA

Waste Management is becoming a very critical situation nationwide. People can separate five kinds of material from their regular trash. The five kinds of material are plastic, paper, cardboard, tin cans and aluminum foil containers.

**Plastics:** The two basic varieties of plastic that are being recycled are clear and colored plastics. This includes milk jugs, dishwashing liquid bottles, laundry bottles, shampoo bottles, antifreeze jugs and any container that holds a liquid (numbered 1-4).

The separated plastic should be cleaned and rinsed as much as possible and have the lids and rings taken off.

**Paper and Cardboard:** Newsprint, computer, white ledger, brown paper shopping bags, glossy magazines, catalogs and phone books 1/2" or less, and corrugated cardboard are acceptable. Please keep dry. Don't put out for collection on rainy days.

**Tin Cans:** Any tin container should be separated from the regular garbage. These containers should be rinsed and cleaned as much as possible. Please take the labels off.

**Aluminum Containers:** Pet food cans. Deposit (5¢) and non-refundable aluminum cans. Rinse and clean the containers.

## ITEMS NOT TO BE RECYCLED

Items that should not be recycled and should remain in your regular trash are:

**Glass:** not recyclable.

**Plastics:** Styrofoam, plastic wrap, bread wrappers, shopping bags, fast food containers, rigid plastics, laundry bags and disposable diapers. Plastic shopping bags should be returned to the store where purchased or disposed of in the garbage. Tie them in a knot.



**Paper:** Waxed paper, waxed cardboard, window envelopes, shoe boxes, cereal boxes, toilet paper, pop and beer boxes are not recyclable.

**Paint cans:** not recyclable.

**Medical wastes:** are not recyclable and shouldn't be disposed of in the garbage either. This includes infectious wastes, needles and syringes, scalpels, urine specimen bottles, donated blood bottles and needles. This material should be disposed of at a hospital incinerator and the sharps should be ground up.

Please keep the recycling material clean and dry. Don't mix garbage with your recycled material.

The Northwest Iowa Area Solid Waste Agency Board and Director reserves the right to accept or reject any load or portion of a load, because of wet, dirty, or garbage mixed material and if any hazardous material exists. They also reserve the right to assess a gate fee for that portion rejected.



If you have any questions,  
please contact:

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