

## Eco Facts

1. The energy needed to replace all the aluminum cans wasted each year is equivalent to 16 million barrels of oil – enough to keep one million American cars on the road for a year. *Container Recycling Institute, 2003*

2. In 2008, Americans generated 250 million tons of trash and recycled only 83 million tons. *EPA, 2010*

3. On average, paper accounts for more than 40% of a landfill's contents. *EPA, 2003*

4. Recycling glass, instead of making it from silica sand, reduces mining waste by 75% and air pollution by 75%. *Lehigh County Solid Waste Management, 2003*

5. The energy saved each year by steel recycling is equal to the electrical power used annually by 18 million homes – or enough energy to last the city of Los Angeles for eight years. *Steel Recycling Institute, 2003*

6. Recycling 1 ton of paper saves 17 trees, 2 barrels of oil, 4,100 kW of energy, 3.2 cu yds of landfill space and 60 lbs. of air pollution. *Trash to Cash, 1996*



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The Recycling Center is open to the public Tuesday through Saturday from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm. We are closed for County Holidays.

Unless otherwise specified, all items listed can be recycled free of charge.

Please separate your recycling items.

Items not meeting the listed criteria are considered trash and will be charged at the applicable rate.

No scavenging is allowed at the Recycling Center.

The Recycling Center does not accept hazardous material; including but not limited to gasoline, paint and paint cans, solvents, bleach, nail polish, acetone, disinfectants, drain cleaners, mercury thermometers, floor wax, moth balls, oven cleaner, pesticides, herbicides, perfumes, smoke detectors, spot remover, aerosol cans, medical waste, ammunition, fireworks, and radioactive materials.

Individuals enter the Recycling Center at their own risk.

## Save the Earth Recycle



## Clear Creek County Recycling Center

Reduce-Reuse-Recycle

# Recyclable Containers

## Plastics #1 -- #7

**What:** Plastic containers with a number, both clear and colored, including water bottles, milk jugs, laundry soap containers, grocery bags and personal care products

**How:** Discard caps, empty, rinse and separate

**Not Accepted:** Food wrap, oil and antifreeze bottles, plastic toys, chemical containers and Styrofoam

## Glass Food & Beverage Containers

**What:** Food and beverage bottles and jars – clear, green, brown or blue

**How:** Empty and rinse, remove lids, and leave labels on, separate by color

**Not Accepted:** Drinking glasses, dishes, broken glass, window glass, ceramics, blue or black glass, and light bulbs

## Metal Food & Beverage Containers

**What:** Steel and aluminum containers including soup, soda, beer, pet food cans, pie plates, aluminum pans and aluminum foil

**How:** Empty, rinse, and remove labels (no need to flatten), and place in the correct bin

**Not accepted:** Scrap metal such as toasters, pots and frying pans

# Recyclable Paper

## Newspapers, Magazines, Telephone Books, and Paper

**What:** Newspapers and inserts, copy paper, magazines, catalogs, soft/hard cover books, and shredded paper, prepackaged food containers, egg cartons, non-corrugated paperboard products

**How:** Place in paper recycling bin

**Not Accepted:** Tissue paper or junk mail with plastic

## Corrugated Cardboard

**What:** Double-walled cardboard, shipping cartons, and brown paper bags

**How:** Cardboard must be clean and corrugated. Flatten, remove tape and staples

**Not Accepted:** Shoe boxes, waxed cardboard, frozen food containers, and non-corrugated cardboard products

# Other Recyclables

## Scrap Metal

**What:** Tin, copper, aluminum, steel and cast iron

**How:** Place in the correct scrap metal bin

**Not Accepted:** Wire, fencing, cable, or sealed containers

## Cooking Oil

**What:** Used cooking oil ~ canola, corn, vegetable, olive, and sesame.

**How:** Empty into the cooking oil drum

**Not Accepted:** Peanut oil and cooking oil contaminated with any other substance

## Compostables

**What:** Grass, leaves, horse manure, clean dirt, and ground or chipped trees

**How:** Place in the appropriate pile

**Not Accepted:** Dirt containing rocks and mine tailings

## Waste Oil & Antifreeze

**What:** Used, clean motor oil and engine coolant

**How:** Empty into the waste oil or antifreeze drum

**Not Accepted:** Oil or antifreeze that is contaminated with gasoline, diesel, or any other substance; cooking oils

# Recycled Items Accepted for a Fee

## Batteries

**What:** Alkaline, lithium ion, NiCD, NiCAD, and NiMH batteries

**Not Accepted:** Damaged or leaking batteries

## Fluorescent Bulbs

**What:** Compact fluorescent or tube bulbs

**Not Accepted:** Broken or damaged bulbs

## Electronics

**What:** TV's, CPU's, monitors, DVD players, VCR's, laser printers, stereos, scanners, fax machines, microwaves

**Not Accepted:** Stereo speakers