



ReThink ReCycling

Easier than ever!

Curbside Recycling

- Cardboard

Includes cereal boxes

- Plastic Bottles

Includes all numbers

- Tin
- Aluminum

Includes pie pans & foil

- Glass Clear & Brown
- Newspapers
- Magazines
- Catalogs
- Paper, all colors
- Sticky notes & cards
- Envelopes

- Throwing away a single aluminum can, versus recycling it, is like pouring out six ounces of gasoline. Last year, Americans recycled enough aluminum cans to conserve the energy equivalent of more than 15 million barrels of oil.

- The EPA estimates that 75% of what Americans throw in the trash could actually be recycled. Currently, only 25% is.

- Incinerating 10,000 tons of waste creates one job; land filling 10,000 tons of waste creates six jobs; recycling 10,000 tons of waste creates 36 jobs.

- The national recycling rate of 30 percent saves the equivalent of more than five billion gallons of gasoline, reducing dependence on foreign oil by 114 million barrels. This could be even higher!

- The aluminum can is 100 percent recyclable and can be used to make new beverage cans indefinitely – demonstrating recycling at its finest! “Every can, every time!”

- According to the EPA, recycling, including composting, diverted 68 million tons of material away from landfills and incinerators in 2001, up from 34 million tons in 1990.

- Recycling 35 percent of our trash reduces global warming emissions equivalent to taking 36 million cars off the road.

- Every Sunday 500,000 trees could be saved if everyone recycled their newspapers.

- Think recycling is expensive? Consider this: aluminum cans are the most valuable item in your bin. Aluminum can recycling helps fund the entire curbside collection. It's the only packaging material that more than covers the cost of collection and reprocessing for itself.

trash
CURBSIDE RECYCLING 50%
SLASH YOUR TRASH IN HALF





Isabella County Recycling Center

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Offering Curbside Partnership

Recycling Made Convenient

Curbside Recycling

Isabella County is a unique community because of its effort to streamline residential recycling, showcase a commitment to recycling, cost-effectively manage a new curbside program, and provide a quality curbside service.

Starting in October 2006 the county recycling center can provide curbside recycling to residents in townships that take advantage of the program. Townships would be able to offer their residents up to five years of service for \$15.00 per household per year. This is an effort to protect the environment in times of shrinking personal budgets of both time and money.

A curbside partnership agreement between Isabella County and individual Townships would result in increased resident participation in the local recycling program. Supplemental education and outreach would show residents how to save money on high trash disposal bills by recycling. Michigan statute allows townships to establish a recycling service provided by the county for just \$25 per household per year – or less! The same law allows township residents to vote on proposed recycling programs.

Residents can be certain of savings from several aspects with provided curbside recycling including; waste reduction, personal time savings, and gasoline savings with curbside service.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide curbside recycling information.

I would appreciate a chance to further develop your township program.

Amy Shindorf,

Resource Recovery Director

Take Advantage Now!

Townships of Isabella County
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\$15.00 Year

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