

Buffalo-Johnson County Recycling Center

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The Recycling Center, located at 550 Butte Street, Buffalo, (behind the Days Inn Motel and west of Ace Hardware) is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week for recycled items to be dropped off. Please call 217-0320 from 8 am to 4 pm weekdays for recycling questions. Call the Recycling Center prior to bringing large amounts of recycling material. If you have a question when you are at the Recycle Center, please ask the Center staff. You may also email the Center with your questions or suggestions: pgonzales@johnsoncowy.us

The Recycling Center Joint Powers Board meets the second Monday of the month at 5:15 pm at the Recycling Center. Visitors and suggestions are welcome. Please contact Dean Knauer (dknauer@johnsoncowy.us) to be placed on the agenda.

Please note we have listed a few items below that can not be accepted, since we do not have a recycling outlet to send them to. Check the bulletin board mounted on the front of the building, for recycling item updates.

Check back often because we may be taking additional items or we may have to stop taking an item if we do not have a recycling outlet to ship to.

Keeping recycled items clean, sorted and not mixed with extraneous items (garbage) will ensure that we will find outlets for your recycled items. Contaminated loads of recycled items can be rejected by our markets.

Thank you for your support of the Recycling Center. Without you we would not be able to recycle the wide variety of items we have listed below. You are also contributing toward keeping up to about 1,300,000 pounds of material from being placed in the County Landfill yearly.

The following items can be dropped off to be recycled.

Plastics: Recycle logo numbered 1 and 2 plastics and bubble wrap only. There is no market for plastics numbered 3 thru 7 and plastic bags, shrink wrap, bread bags, plastic sheeting or similar items. Please remove plastic caps from containers, rinse and remove all metal. You can help our processing efficiency by separating your number 1 and 2 plastics and bubble wrap. We do take plastic oil containers if they have been thoroughly drained. We do not take chemical containers; please dispose of these items properly.

Cans: Aluminum and tin (steel) cans. Please rinse and separate aluminum cans from tin (steel) cans. Place steel metal lids (from glass jars and cans) with the tin (steel) cans. Place aluminum foil in the outside container by the aluminum can drop-off window. Use a magnet to determine if some cans with white linings are aluminum or steel. We are accepting oil cans if they are thoroughly drained. We do not accept chemical containers and propane tanks; please dispose of these items properly.

Glass: Food jars, canning jars and drink bottles, regardless of color. Please rinse jars. Remove metal lids and place them with the tin (steel) recycling products. Place glass in the blue metal bins located in front of the building. We do not accept corks. We are not accepting chemical containers or windows or mirrors, etc; please dispose of these items properly.

Cardboard: Corrugated, paperboard (like cereal boxes, shoe boxes and other lightweight boxes), egg cartons, cardboard tubing or similar. To help us recycle these items more efficiently, place small paperboard containers and tubing in larger cardboard boxes before dropping them off. We are not accepting waxed containers like paper milk cartons or similar. Please dispose of these items properly.

Paper: School and office paper, newspapers, catalogs, magazines, telephone books, and junk mail. Christmas and other wrapping paper are being taken during December and January. Place wrapping paper in sacks before dropping off. Note that single bags of shredded paper can be dropped off daily. However, we ask that businesses with large numbers of bags, please drop them off the first Thursday of each month.

Books: Hard and soft-cover books. There is a separate opening in the front of the building.

Styrofoam: Hard and soft Styrofoam used as packing or used for food products such as plates and cups. Clean and remove all tape, paper, shrink wrap, etc before depositing. Packing peanuts are accepted if they are placed in closed bags. We are not accepting blown-in or sprayed Styrofoam. Please dispose of these items properly.

Textiles and Clothing: Clothing, sheets, towels, tablecloths, blankets, curtains, sleeping bags, socks, undergarments and like items. Needs to be reusable and clean. Paired shoes or boots. Place these items in the large boxes in front of the Recycling Center.

Electronic Waste and E-Waste: We do not take. It is prohibitively expensive for us to pay to have these items recycled. These items will be taken at the Johnson County Solid Waste Landfill.

Batteries, Printer Ink Cartridges and Car Seats: We do not take, because there are no markets available to us. Please dispose of these items properly.

We Do Not Accept the following in addition to items listed above: Refrigerators, air conditioners, large appliances or similar, light bulbs, purses, wallets, backpacks, totes, suitcases, belts, stuffed animals, baseball caps, toys, puzzles, board games, pots and pans, silverware, vases, ceramics, dinnerware, window glass or mirrors, vehicle parts, mattresses, furniture, blown-in or sprayed Styrofoam, non-drained oil containers, chemical containers (either plastic or cans), propane containers, waxed containers like paper milk cartons or similar and vehicle batteries. Please dispose of these items properly.

If you are unsure if an item can be recycled, please ask one of our employees at the Recycle Center.

Thank you for Recycling; it is the right thing to do. It extends the life of our landfill and it reduces the need to use limited natural resources to manufacture new products.

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