

Buffalo-Johnson County Recycling Center

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The Recycling Center, located at 550 Butte Street, Buffalo, west of Ace Hardware is **open 8-5 Monday through Friday** for recyclable items to be dropped off. Please call 217-0320 from 8 am to 4 pm weekdays for recycling questions or ask the staff working at the center. Call prior to bringing large amounts of product. You may also e-mail the Center Board Member with your questions or suggestions to: Phil Gonzales, phil@gonzalesmail.com.

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 Board Chair Bill Ostheimer, e-mail bostheimer8@gmail or call 670-1560 to be placed on the agenda.

Items that **cannot** be accepted: (Check the bulletin board on the front of the building for updates or changes)

- **Waxed containers:** wax milk cartons, butter packaging or similar waxed products.
- Plastics numbered **3 thru 7**, as well as plastic bags, shrink wrap, bread bags, plastic sheeting or similar items.
- **Electronic Waste and E-Waste:** Johnson County Solid Waste Landfill can accept these items, from households.
- **Batteries, Printer Ink Cartridges and Car Seats.**
- **in addition we do not accept the following items:** 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 insulation, non-drained oil containers, propane containers, and vehicle batteries.
- **Soft Polystyrenes or Styrofoam's:** food product trays, packing peanuts and soft packing plastics.

Please properly dispose of these items not accepted by the Recycle Center.

The following recyclables can be dropped off to the center. The center is a self serve MRF- (Multi Reuse Facility, pronounced "MURF") station; windows are marked as to where product is to be placed:

- **Plastics:** Numbered **1 and 2 plastics** and bubble wrap. 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, number 2, if they have been thoroughly drained. We do take chemical containers, number 2, if thoroughly washed to manufactures and EPA specifications.

- **Cans/metal, 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. Use a magnet to determine if some cans with white linings are aluminum or steel.
- **Aluminum foil:** Place in the outside container by the aluminum can drop-off window.
- **Glass: Food product glass only, canning jars and drink bottles,** regardless of color. Please rinse and remove metal lids and place them with the tin (steel) recycling products. Place all food product glass in the blue metal bins located in front of the building.
- **Cardboard:** Corrugated, paperboard, egg cartons, cardboard tubing or similar. Cardboard is open celled with tubes viewed from side. Please place small cardboard containers and cardboard tubing in larger cardboard boxes before dropping them off.
- **Paper:** School and office paper, newspapers, catalogs, magazines, telephone books, and junk mail. Paper board, closed cells when viewed from side, cereal boxes, shoe boxes and other lightweight boxes is paper, not corrugated paperboard. Not all wrapping paper is recyclable; please note that slick wrapping paper cannot be recycled. Single bags of shredded paper can be dropped off daily. We ask that businesses with large numbers volume of shredded paper drop them off the first Thursday of each month.
- **Books:** Hard and soft-cover books.
- **Polystyrenes or Styrofoam:** Hard packing polystyrene only.
- **Textiles and Clothing:** Clothing, sheets, towels, tablecloths, blankets, curtains, sleeping bags, socks, paired shoes or boots. Please note these items are being re-purposed and need to be clean.

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

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 Recycling, Recycling has many benefits, the biggest benefits being extending the life of our landfill and reducing the need to use limited natural resources to manufacture new products.

REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE.