

# CURBSIDE RECYCLING BIN SORTING REMINDERS

## Group 1: NEWSPAPERS & MEDIA

Place newspapers/media at the bottom of your bin or bundle together and place on top.

### Media: Newspaper, Magazines, Phonebooks & Catalogs

Newsprint and magazines, including glossy inserts, phone books and soft cover books. **No dog/cat food bags.**

## Group 2: OFFICE-TYPE PAPER

### Paper: White, Colored & Shredded

Mail, office and school papers, including envelopes, sticky notes, and card stock (please remove tape or staples and envelope windows.)

File folders and notebooks are also accepted. Place these items in a plastic grocery bag and tie closed.



## Group 3: CARDBOARD

Group all items together

### Corrugated & Boxboard (Note Exceptions)

Acceptable items: Boxes from cereal, crackers, pasta, cake mix, medications, toiletries, (remove the plastic window liners), frozen food, pop and beverage cases, shoe, gift, and electronics boxes, corrugated cardboard, and frozen food containers as long as food has not had direct contact with the container. Flatten all cardboard/boxboard. If oversized, cut into 2' x 3' pieces, flatten, and place next to or under the bin.

**Unaccepted items: Pizza boxes or any cardboard in which food has had contact, wax or plastic coated cardboard/boxboard like milk and juice cartons, laundry soap boxes, and dog/cat food bags.**

**Metal cutting strips must be removed from aluminum foil and plastic wrap boxes before they can be recycled (place metal cutting strips with other metals - see below). Large amounts of moving boxes and Styrofoam cannot be collected at curbside, but can be taken to the recycling center (MRF).**



## Group 4: METALS, PLASTICS & GLASS

Group like items together

### Glass: Clear Only – Group all glass items together

Acceptable items: Glass bottles and jars. Rinse clean. Detached metal lids are acceptable, but place them with other metal items. **Unaccepted item: All colored glass**

### Metals: Tin, Aluminum & Aerosol Cans – Group all metal items together

Acceptable items: Empty aerosol cans, metal food cans and detached lids, aluminum cans, trays and foil (food residue must be removed), metal cutting strips from aluminum foil and similar boxes, metal coat hangers.

**For safety, please tuck lids inside cans.**

### Plastic: Bottles & Jugs (Note exceptions) – Group all plastic items together

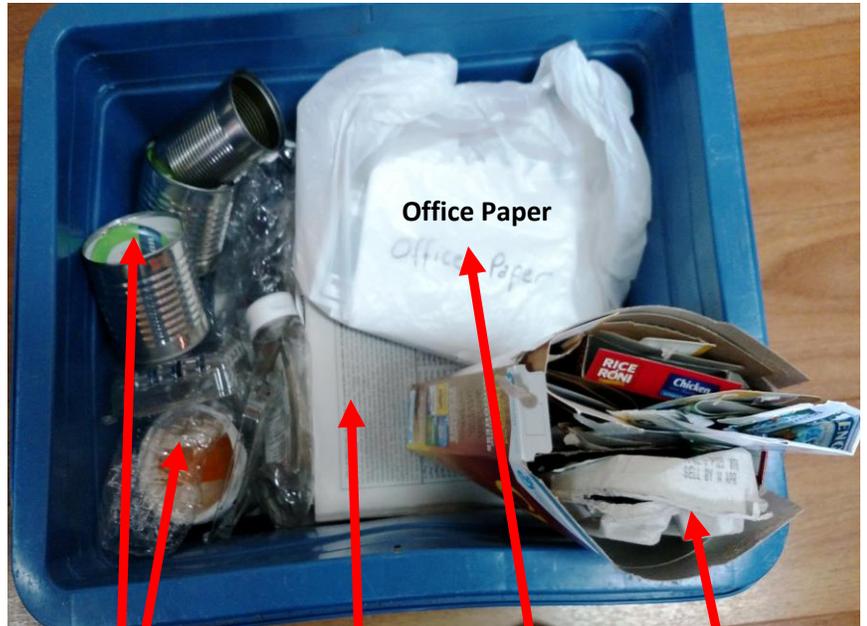
Plastics numbered 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7, including red Solo cups and lids, plastic silverware, CD cases, beverage bottles, plastic coat hangers, milk and water jugs, laundry product containers and caps, and spray nozzles. **Rinse clean. Unaccepted items: Gloves, Styrofoam.** Styrofoam may be taken to the recycling center (MRF). Several local stores have bins to recycle plastic shopping bags.

# RECYCLABLES MUST BE SORTED IN YOUR BIN!

## RECYCLING RULES

- The current charge for this service is \$1.50 per month per bin and per six people, and is listed as a separate item on your water and sewer bill.
- A blue City recycling bin is required. You can use more than one recycling bin, but one of them must be a City blue bin.
- If your bin is lost, stolen or damaged, you must purchase a new City bin. Bins are \$6.00 and are available at City Hall and Public Works.
- If you have extra recyclables that will not fit inside the City bin, you may use another bin, laundry basket, etc. **You must have your City bin next to your extra container(s).**
- On windy days, you may place a brick or stone in the bin to prevent it from blowing away.
- Not all materials can be collected at curbside. For a complete list of acceptable items, see the reverse side of this flyer.
- Recycling all you can will reduce the amount you will pay in trash collection costs!

## PROPERLY SORTED BIN EXAMPLE



Plastics/tin/aluminum  
together, lids tucked  
inside cans

Newspapers & media  
on the bottom

Cardboard &  
boxboard together –  
Can be side by side  
or tucked inside one  
another

Office paper/junk mail in a shopping bag,  
tied closed & marked “office paper”

**Trash cans/bags and recycling bins must be placed in the designated collection area by 7:30 a.m. on collection day, and no earlier than 5:00 p.m. the day before collection.**

**Trash cans and recycling bins must be removed from view of the street or alley right-of-way by 12:00 midnight on collection day.**

**Questions? Call us at (989) 779-5401**

### **Holiday Collection Schedule**

If you contract with a private trash hauler, please contact them for their holiday schedule. If you use the City's bag/tag system, the following holidays are the only holidays which may affect the collection:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> New Year's Day | <input type="checkbox"/> Labor Day        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Memorial Day   | <input type="checkbox"/> Thanksgiving Day |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fourth of July | <input type="checkbox"/> Christmas Day    |

Changes to the regular collection schedule will be posted on the City's website and social media accounts.

- [www.mt-pleasant.org](http://www.mt-pleasant.org) under the “Current Events” section
- On Facebook at [www.facebook.com/mtpleasantmi](http://www.facebook.com/mtpleasantmi) or Twitter at [www.twitter.com/MtPleasantMI](http://www.twitter.com/MtPleasantMI)