



Marquette County Solid Waste Management Authority's (MCSWMA) New Recycling Program
(The new single stream recycling program will be online in the Fall of 2020)

What is single-stream recycling?

Our current recycling system processes cardboard/paper recycling and metal and plastic containers on alternating weeks. This is called *dual-stream recycling*. *Single-stream or mixed recycling* allows residents to put paper, flattened cardboard, plastic, and metal containers in one container for weekly collection (depending on current hauler contract).

How does this work?

Marquette County Solid Waste Management Authority (MCSWMA) operates a material recovery facility or MRF. This facility uses technology and people to sort these materials into clean recycling. MCSWMA is making investments to upgrade the MRF to handle both paper items and containers at the same time. This investment also makes it easier for residents to recycle.

What will we be able to recycle?

- Flattened cardboard
- Paper and empty paper boxes
- Magazines
- Newspaper
- Empty Plastic bottles & beverage or soap containers
- Empty Metal food and beverage cans

What about glass?

- Due to distance to markets, separated glass will be processed and repurposed locally.
- Depending on your municipality, clean separated glass may be collected curbside, or a drop program may be available. Contact your municipality for program options.
- If no program exists in your municipality, residents are encouraged to deliver clean, separated glass directly to MCSWMA.
- Clean separated glass of all colors will be accepted for processing at MCSWMA.

How will this affect my recycling collection?

Curbside customers: Rather than remembering to put your paper items out one week and containers the following week, all recyclable items will be collected weekly in the same cart or hard-walled container. **Please, do not place recyclables in plastic bags.**

Drop-off customers: Similarly, residents who bring their recycling to a drop-off recycling location will be able to mix paper, flattened cardboard, and paper boxes with plastic and metal containers at these locations. This decreases confusion and provides a convenient way for you to recycle.



What should not be included in recycling, and why?		
Dangerous for Employees:	Damage equipment:	Not recyclable in this method or no way to process:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> X Recycling should not be in plastic or pet food bags X Medical waste* X Batteries of any type* X Hazardous waste* 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> X Plastic wrap (dry cleaning bags, wrap for packaging, etc.) X Stringy things: holiday lights, cables, cords, hoses and wire 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> X Yard waste*/Food waste* X Styrofoam® containers, blocks or peanuts X Plastic bags* (bread bags, grocery or retail store bags, etc.) X Cartons (soy, almond milk etc.)
<p><i>*Items not included in the single-stream curbside or drop off recycling program but can be recycled or disposed of via an alternate method or another MCSWMA materials management program. Please contact the MCSWMA (906) 249-4125 for more information.</i></p>		

How do I get a recycling cart for my home?

Curbside recycling carts are easy to roll to the curb, and the flip-top lid keeps recyclables secure in the cart until they are collected. Currently, carts are not available in all Marquette County municipalities. Residents, please contact your municipality regarding recycling cart availability and pricing. If your municipality does not offer recycling carts, residents are encouraged to place recyclables curbside in a covered hard-walled bin, can or receptacle. **Please, do not place recyclables in plastic bags.**

When does the new recycling program begin?

The program will begin in the Fall of 2020. Get the latest updates at www.mcswma.com or on Facebook @MCSWMA.

