

# Your Handy Recycling Guide!



## METRO MOBILE RECYCLING DROP-OFF CENTER

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Open 7 Days-A-Week 8am-5pm

(Closed: Christmas, New Year's Day & Thanksgiving)

Welcome to the  
Metro Mobile Recycling Center!



*Please use this handy guide as a reference for the types of materials we receive at the Center and how they should be prepared. We strive to provide a clean, quality product to our commodity partners. You can help by adhering to the following guidelines. If you have any questions, please always ask an attendant. We thank you for recycling with us!*

### **The Staff at Keep Mobile Beautiful**

#### **Our Recycling Commodity Partners:**

Aaron Oil, ASM Recycling, Equit-E-Cycle, Goodwill Easter Seals, Material Recovery Corporation, Mobile Area Water and Sewer Service (MAWSS), Mobile Paperboard, Recycled Fibers, Strategic Materials & Waste Management

## MIXED PAPER PRODUCTS

### YES

Phone books  
Junk mail  
Magazines  
(Remove plastic wrapper)  
Newspaper  
(Remove plastic wrapper)  
Cereal boxes-flat  
(Remove cellophane liner)  
Small cardboard boxes  
(Remove any outer plastic wrap and flatten box)  
Shredded paper

(Please leave shredded paper in the bag or container.  
Plastic bags are okay and are the **only** plastic bags allowed in our paper bins.)

**Take the Green Test!** Not sure if your paper is recyclable??  
Try tearing it down, then across. If it tears easily, it should be fine.

### NO

Cat or Dog Food Bags  
Ribbon/bows, foil gift bags  
Mailing envelopes with plastic  
or bubble wrap lining  
Tyvec envelopes  
Foil candy or chip bags  
Styrofoam/bubblewrap  
Laminated, plastic-coated items  
Wax coated paper, boxes,  
Milk, juice or ice cream cartons  
Food contaminated paper  
Dirty pizza boxes



## CARDBOARD

**All boxes must be flattened!**

### YES

Corrugated cardboard  
(Please flatten all boxes)

### NO

Dirty or wax-coated boxes  
Styrofoam, bubble wrap or plastic  
Metal or nylon straps

## PLASTICS

### YES

Beverage bottles  
Water bottles  
Detergent bottles  
Milk jugs

### NO

Caps or lids  
Babyfood, storage,  
butter, sour cream or yogurt containers  
Strawberry or food-storage containers  
Microwave dishes or plastic cups  
"Carry-out" clamshell containers



**Take the Green Test!** Just check the bottom for the recycling triangle; if it has a 1 (PETE) or 2 (HDPE) on it and holds a liquid, it should be fine.

PLEASE—For the HEALTH and SAFETY of our employees—empty, rinse and flatten all bottles and milk jugs. Remove caps, lids and foreign objects.

## GLASS

Brown, Amber, Clear, Blue & Green

### YES

Beverage bottles  
Liquor bottles  
Clean food jars  
Wine bottles  
Beer bottles

### NO

Limes or lemons  
Window pane glass  
Picture frame glass  
Leaded glass  
Vases, milkglass, drinking glasses  
Pyrex/Corningware  
Candle Holders

*PLEASE—For the HEALTH and SAFETY of our employees—all bottles and jars must be empty and clean – Remove caps, lids, corks and all foreign objects.*

## STEEL & ALUMINUM CANS

**Must be completely empty!**

### YES

Vegetable cans, Jar lids  
Aerosol cans-empty  
Aluminum cans (Crush or flatten)

### NO

Paint cans  
Propane tanks

**Take the Green Test!** Not sure if it is aluminum or steel?? Try the magnet test—a magnet will stick to steel but not aluminum or look for the recyclable symbol.

## USED COOKING OIL/GREASE

Please visit [www.itseasytobeungreasy.com](http://www.itseasytobeungreasy.com)

We are a MAWSS (Mobile Area Water and Service System) Grease Recycling Site. Bring your own container or come pick up a free recycling container and return it when it is full.

## MISCELLANEOUS

### YES

Grocery bags—Plastic  
Shopping bags—Plastic  
Newspaper bags  
Used motor oil  
Anti-freeze, oil filters  
Brake/Transmission fluid  
Toner cartridges  
Styrofoam packing peanuts  
Bubble Wrap  
Cell phones  
Goodwill clothes

### NO

Plastic food wrap  
Vinyl bags  
Cellophane  
Dirty bags  
\*Paint, pesticides or chemicals  
\*Electronics  
\*Light bulbs  
\*Tires  
Styrofoam, block or sheet



*\*Ask one of our attendants for our brochure on how to properly dispose of or recycle these items.*

## FAQs & TIPS

*Complete the Cycle!  
Buy and use  
Recycled Products*

Every ton of paper recycled saves about 7,000 gallons of water, 4,100 kilowatt hours of electricity, 17 trees, and 3.5 cubic yards of landfill space. The Center recycles an average of 1,229 tons of paper and cardboard per year.

Glass is 100% recyclable and can be recycled forever without loss of quality to the new product. Our Center recycles an average of 45,000 pounds of glass per month.

Plastics are petroleum based; recycling them conserves natural resources, as well as energy. The Center recycles an average of 93 tons of plastic per year.

Recycling one aluminum can saves enough energy to run a television for 3 hours. Our Center recycles an average of 39 tons of steel and aluminum cans per year.

## GIVE US A CALL!

**208-6029**

### KEEP MOBILE BEAUTIFUL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**March/April/May** The Great American Clean-Up, Electronics Recycling  
**November** America Recycles Day, Electronics Recycling  
**Dec./Jan.** Christmas Tree Recycling and Mulch Give-A-Way

### CALL KEEP MOBILE BEAUTIFUL at 208-6029 for MORE INFORMATION:

**Event Recycling Baskets** - Wire baskets are available to use at community or sporting events and other functions to collect cans and plastic bottles for recycling.

**Community Cleanup Kits** - Tired of litter in your neighborhood? Organize a cleanup! Call to reserve a cleanup kit and for ideas on how to get your community involved.

**Trash Collection Day Schedules** - Not sure when trash will be picked up in your neighborhood? When and how much trash can you put out by the street? Request a schedule for your neighborhood pick-up.

**Report Littering from a Vehicle** - 208-6025  
or #KMB (#562) for AT&T customers.

**We have other Projects, Programs and Volunteer Opportunities**