

Recycling in your Community

What can be recycled?

Different communities accept different recyclables or commodities. The most widely accepted commodities are paper, cardboard, aluminum cans, steel cans, plastic bottles and jugs, and glass. In most communities, having a reliable market for a particular commodity determines whether an item is accepted by the local recycling facility. Just because an item has a recycling symbol on the label doesn't mean it can be recycled in every community. Contact your local solid waste coordinator to find out what can be recycled in your community. (www.waste.ky.gov)



Where does the recycling go?

The recycling materials are taken to a materials recovery facility (commonly called a recycling center). From there the materials are sorted, baled and shipped to different markets around the country. In many central Kentucky communities, the recyclables are taken to Lexington, KY. As of July 2013, the recycling materials from Lexington's recycling center are taken to locations indicated on the next page.

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| Recycling Commodity | Examples of Items | Shipped to: | Made into: |
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| Paper | School paper, shredded paper, etc. | Continental Recycling Raleigh, N.C. | Other paper products |
| Newspaper | Newspapers and inserts | SP Recycling Ga. | Newsprint paper |
| Phonebooks | Phonebooks | All Weather Somerset, Ky. | House insulation |
| Cardboard | Corrugated boxes | Commercial Water Company/Temple Inland Maysville, Ky. | New cardboard and fiberboard |
| Fiberboard | Tissue boxes, cereal boxes, etc. | Continental Recycling Raleigh, N.C. and Tenn. | Paper tubes |
| Glass Bottles | Beverage bottles and jars | Strategic Materials Atlanta, Ga. | Reflective paints, paint additives, reflective highway stripping |
| Steel Cans | Food cans | Tube City Granite City, Ill. | Other steel products |
| Aluminum Cans | Beverage cans | Novelis Berea, Ky. and Beattyville, Ky. | Aluminum beverage cans |
| Plastic: Pet (#1) | Water and soda bottles | Signode Plastics Florence, Ky. | Green plastic straps |
| Plastic: HDPE (#2) | Milk jugs | KW Plastics – Troy, Ala. PlayMart - Somerset, Ky. | Plastic playground equipment |
| Plastic: Mixed Plastic - HDPE (#2) | Detergent bottles | KW Plastics Troy, Ala. | Hard plastic items: buckets and baskets |



Roughly 60,000 aluminum cans ready to be recycled



Recycling dumpsters collect large amounts of recyclable content