



# Kent County Recycling Information

Merrill Township Transfer Station

In conjunction with Kent County's new residential recycling program, Allied Waste is pleased to provide you with this new guide of recyclable materials in your area. Please read instructions carefully, as we do not wish to contaminate a load being taken to the Materials Recycling Facility.

## PREPARATION

A new technology, called "single stream recycling", began in the summer of 2010 that enables you (the recycler) to mix all of your CLEAN plastic jugs, metal cans, glass bottles and paper products together in one container. Kent County's Recycling & Education Center is an important feature of our community and makes recycling just a little bit easier! NO need to separate—use your current bin.



### Paper

#### Acceptable Items

- ◆ Newspaper (including glossy inserts)
- ◆ Typing, writing and computer paper
- ◆ Discarded mail files: remove any staples, strapping or paper clips
- ◆ Magazines and catalogues
- ◆ Brown paper bags
- ◆ Corrugated boxes: 2'x2' pieces
- ◆ Paperboard boxes (shoe and cereal boxes)

#### Non-Acceptable Items

- ◆ Wrapping or tissue paper
- ◆ Napkins, tissues, paper towels, or wax paper
- ◆ Used paper plates or any paper with food or food stains—including pizza boxes.
- ◆ Telephone books
- ◆ Paperboard boxes with plastic windows
- ◆ Wax coated or freezer boxes



### Metal

#### Acceptable Items

- ◆ Steel and tin cans
- ◆ Aerosol cans
- ◆ Aluminum foil and cans
- ◆ Household batteries (alkaline, rechargeable, watch, hearing aid, camera, etc)

#### Non-Acceptable Items

- ◆ Bakeware and utensils
- ◆ Pots and pans
- ◆ Hangers
- ◆ Car parts or scrap metal
- ◆ Paint Cans and Propane Cylinders
- ◆ Foilbacked paper, gum wrappers
- ◆ Siding, window frames and doors



### Glass

#### Acceptable Items

- ◆ Clear, brown, green and blue glass bottles and jars

#### Non-Acceptable Items

- ◆ Dishes or ceramics
- ◆ Light bulbs & broken windows
- ◆ Mirrors



### Plastic

#### Acceptable Items

- ◆ Plastic containers with the #1-7 symbols
- ◆ Plastic grocery bags with the #2 and #4 symbols
- ◆ This includes milk jugs, water bottles, detergent and shampoo bottles, butter tubs, plastic yogurt cups, microwave food trays, plant flats, flower pots, etc.

#### Non-Acceptable Items

- ◆ Bottles that contained automotive fluids or hazardous materials
- ◆ Polystyrene cups, plates, peanuts, packaging, etc
- ◆ Plastic bags such as, garbage, food storage, drycleaning, etc
- ◆ Plastic film

### Drop-Off Site Location

Another option for recycling: Utilize the county's drop-off sites.

#### Rockford Recycling Center

2908 Ten Mile Rd.

Rockford, MI 49341

Hours: Monday—Friday, 7:30am—4pm

#### Kentwood Recycling Center

5068 Breton Rd SE

Kentwood, MI 49508

Hours: Monday—Saturday, 7:30am—5pm

### When in Doubt...

### Throw It Out!

If you have a question about an item not listed on this page, call our Customer Service Center at 1-877-MY-TRASH or the Kent County Recycling Center at (616) 236-2570  
[www.recyclekent.org](http://www.recyclekent.org)

Please Note: Certain areas of Ottawa, Montcalm and Newaygo counties are serviced by the Kent County Materials Recycling Facility.