Thank you for recycling with us!

TUSCOLA COUNTY
RECYCLING

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Hours of operation:
Monday thru Friday
8:00– 4:30

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What and How to recycle

KEEP IT CLEAN - KEEP IT SEPARATE

Newspaper, Junk Mail, Office Paper,

This also includes copy paper, lined paper, typing paper, computer paper, file folders, inserts, envelopes, etc. Keep all papers clean and dry. You do not need to remove any staples, or paper clips. Any other metal or non paper items should be removed. Paper products can be brought in any type of container. Please keep all magazines separate. Please put boxboard with cardboard., NO paper plates, cups, napkins, Kleenex or paper towels. No books.

Magazines

Magazines should be kept separate from other paper products. Magazines will be glossy all the way through.

Corrugated Cardboard & Boxboard

Includes all cardboard that is constructed with corrugated grooves. Boxboard includes cereal, and cracker boxes, etc. NO wax-coated containers. NO refrigerated food containers such as milk, ice cream, juice, or frozen food boxes.

Glass

We accept only clear glass in a bottle or jar form. NO colored glass, window glass, auto glass, perfume bottles, plates, candle jars or drinking glasses. Rinse out bottles, and remove caps.

Steel

Tin cans, jar container lids, and scrap metals are accepted. Rinse out all cans, and keep separate from aluminum.

Aluminum

Tin foil, foil pans, pie plates, non deposit aluminum cans, cat food cans are accepted. Rinse out, and keep separate from steel cans.

Plastics (Look for the number on the bottom)

We accept bottle form plastics #1 and #2 . Rinse out all bottles.
Examples of accepted plastics:
#1 clear water, soda and juice bottles.#2 milk jugs, colored soap bottles, shampoo, fabric softener, and bleach bottles

#5 tubs, trays, cups, and bottles.
No plastic bags. No motor oil, pesticide, herbicide, or hazardous waste containers.

Polystyrene Foam

Includes clean meat trays, foam cups, clam shells, egg cartons, foam plates and bowls. Keep separate from packing peanuts. No construction foam board.

Oil and antifreeze

Cannot be mixed with any contaminants or water. Empty containers will be returned to owners. No containers larger than five gallon pails.

Electronics

We accept a wide variety of electronics such as TVs* (fee), computers*, radios, microwaves, etc.
***All TV's, laptops, and monitors have a fee**

(These fees serve to *partially* cover processing expenses for these items!)

Screens under 20" are $10 each, over "20 inches are $20 each.

Household batteries Keep separate/ tape cells
Rechargeable batteries and auto batteries
Ink jet cartridges NO remanufactured or toner bottles
Rubber covered cords
Cell phones
Vinyl siding remove all nails and wood

Plant containers #2, #5, #6 remove all debris

Bubble wrap and packing peanuts

Confidential Document Destruction

The Tuscola County Recycling Facility offers confidential

document destruction to all businesses and residents. For

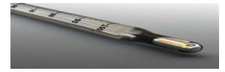
a small fee of .10 cents per pound you can have your personal files securely shredded for you. Note: there is a $1 minimum fee for this service.

Please remove all plastic, binders, binder clips, rubber bands, hanging folders, and metal tabs.

Plant containers

Plant containers are now accepted year round. We accept #2, #5, and #6 containers. All dirt and debris must be removed from the containers.

Mercury containing products



Tuscola County Recycling Facility can accept items that contain mercury. These items include thermometers, thermostats, and mercury switches.

CFL bulbs are also accepted, for a small fee. CFL bulbs, and fluorescent light tubes up to four feet in length are .50 cents each. Fluorescent light tubes over four feet in length are $1.00 each.

Electronics Recycling

There is a fee for all Televisions & Monitors

Screens up to 20 diagonal inches are $10.
Screens over 20 diagonal inches are $20.

(These fees serve only to *partially* cover processing expenses for these items!)

*Auto Batteries *Printers *Scanners *Keyboards *Stereos *Cell Phones

*Rubber Covered Cords *Fax Machines

*DVD Players *VCRs *Microwaves *Speakers *Telephones *Towers *Cameras *Radios *Electronic games *Household Batteries

Residential Tire Recycling

***No more than 7 tires per vehicle**

*No tires accepted on any type of axle

*Tires must be clean, dry and free of mud and other materials

Passenger/ Light truck tire

(under 17" rim)

$3.00 per tire in county

$3.50 per tire (rim) in county

$6.00 per tire out of county

$7.00 per tire (rim) out of county

Medium/ Heavy duty (semi)

(17" to 22" rim)

$12.00 per tire in county

$12.50 per tire (rim) in county

$24.00 per tire out of county

$25.00 per tire (rim) out of county

Tractor tires

(over 22" rim)

Must be under 48" in height and 12" in width

$20.00 per tire in county

$20.50 per tire (rim) in county

$40.00 per tire out of county

$41.00 per tire (rim) out of county

Freon Containing Appliances

Tuscola County Recycling Facility accepts your Freon containing appliances year round, for a small fee. Freon depletes the ozone unless it is properly handled. Let us help you dispose of these items in a safe, environmentally friendly manner. We accept items such as freezers, refrigerators, air conditioners and dehumidifiers. Remove all plastic, and glass trays, tubs, and shelves.

The fee is $15.00 per item.

We will not accept appliances which have had the Freon lines cut or the pump removed.

Paint Collection

Now collecting paint & stain for a fee of $2.00per can, and $10.00 per bucket.

May 1st-October 1st only

This paint will be strained, and colored for resale. Please no dried out paint. Dried out latex paints can be placed in the garbage, but any liquid paint cannot. These fees are for all stains, latex, and oil based paints.

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Products recycled in 2021

1,293,356 pounds=
647 tons of recyclables

209,933 pounds of paper

762,526 pounds of cardboard

23,660 pounds of glass

179,570 pounds of tires

30,476 pounds of plastic bottles

26,115 pounds of electronics

4,681 pounds of hazardous waste

29,741 pounds of metals

6,810 pounds of Styrofoam

10,500 pounds of oil

1,901 pounds of batteries

7,443 pounds of other recyclables

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Satellite trailer locations

We have resumed the satellite trailers in Mayville , and Cass City.

Thursdays, in Mayville, at the Wingerts parking lot.

Fridays, in Cass City, behind the Municipal building

*All collections are from 9:00 AM– 12:30 PM

*No collections on holidays

*No collections during inclement weather

•Weekend township trailers are located in:

Juniata, at the Juniata Township Hall, 1971 South Ringle Road, Caro. First Tuesday of the month from 3:00 PM till 7:00 PM, and the third Saturday of the month from 8:00 AM till 12:00 PM.

Watertown, 9405 Foster Street, Fostoria, on the fourth Saturday of the month.

Thank you for all the support!

Recycling Demonstrations and Tours

Schools, civic groups, church groups, etc. Do you need a speaker to give a presentation? The recycling demonstrations cover the fundamental ideas of recycling including; reduce, reuse, recycle and rebuy. The composting classes cover home composting, and composting with worms. Classes can be scheduled to accommodate small, or large groups. We can cover one class, or multiple classes in a day to fit your schedule. The tours will show how we sort, shred, bail, weigh and process the recyclables. Each class, or tour are designed to last approximately one hour. These demonstrations, and tours are free. Please call to set up an appointment.

Highlights

- Recycling demonstrations with recycle made items
- Composting and vermicomposting (worms) demonstrations
- Poster contests for schools
- Displays (libraries)
- Tours of the Recycling Facility

Hazardous Waste Collection

Collection dates for hazardous materials will be

May 1 through October 1

*Anyone with more than a trunk full, must call ahead for arrangements

*All material subject to available storage space

*Flammable liquids such as gas, and mixed oil will only be accepted when ERG, the collection company, is at the recycling facility to do a pickup.

You will need an appointment for this.

*All paint and stains (oil based & latex) have a per can/ bucket fee.

The latex paint will be recycled into a new paint product.

Note– this will take place of the two free hazardous waste collections

that were held in previous years.