







Buffalo Recycles!

Recycling creates six jobs for every job created by landfilling

Recycling is one of the most important things we can do as a community. By recycling, you are actively participating to make our community a better place. You are helping to reduce the amount of trash taken to landfills, preventing habitat destruction and preserving forests and saving energy that would have been needed to process raw materials into the same items.

There's more you can do! Take a recycling inventory of your house, using the menu below, to make sure you are recycling as many items as possible.

Make this the year you commit to more recycling!

Items to Recycle	Preparation	Don't Recycle
 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Newspapers, magazines and catalogs • Junk mail and envelopes • Phone books • Office and computer paper 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Place paper products loose on the bottom of the recycling bin or in paper bags • Avoid using string or plastic bags 	<p>NO paper napkins, tissue paper, paper towels, wrapping paper, or food-soiled paper</p>
 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brown corrugated cardboard • Brown paper bags • Boxboard (cereal boxes, shoe boxes, gift boxes) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flatten and remove tape, staples and strapping • Break-down boxes into 3x3 foot sections 	<p>NO pizza boxes, refrigerator and freezer boxes, pop or beer boxboard, waxed corrugated cardboard</p>
 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All clear, green and brown food and beverage glass containers, bottles and jars. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Empty and rinse containers • Remove lids and caps • Place loose in recycling bin • Labels do not have to be removed 	<p>NO ceramic items, flower pots, light bulbs, mirror or window glass, ovenware.</p>
 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All metal food and beverage cans • Metal lids and caps • Aluminum pie tins 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rinse containers • Place loose in recycling bin • Labels do not have to be removed 	<p>NO batteries, propane cylinders, silverware or metal cookware, metallic cardboard, aluminum foil</p>
 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plastic food, soap and beverage containers with screw-on lids • Milk, juice and water jugs • Small-neck containers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Empty and rinse containers • Place loose in recycling bin • Labels do not have to be removed 	<p>NO yogurt, cottage cheese or wide-mouthed containers, plastic plates or bags, styrofoam, antifreeze or motor oil containers, or take-home containers.</p>
 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paper cartons, including those with plastic spouts • Drink boxes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Empty and rinse containers • Place loose in recycling bin • Do not mix with papers of cardboards 	<p>NO straws, waxed paper, or drink pouches.</p>

Increasing recycling by just 1% will save our city \$72,00

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Where to Get Blue Recycling Bins

Blue recycling bins are readily available at several locations throughout the city. The current locations are listed below, but visit www.buffalorecycles.com to view the most up-to-date information.

Gloria Parks Community Center 3242 Main Street, 832-1010	HomeFront 560 Delaware Ave., 856-2952	A.B.L.E.Y. Center 24 Ludington, 895-4074
Parkside Community Association 2318 Main St., 838-1240	Matt Urban Center 1081 Broadway, 893-7222	Northwest Buffalo CC 155 Lawn St., 876-8108
Community Action Info Center 103 Wohlers, 885-5925	City Hall, Room 218 851-4890	NHS of South Buffalo 1937 South Park Ave., 823-3630
Ken-Bailey NHS 995 Kensington Ave., 836-3600	Hispanic United of Buffalo 254 Virginia St., 856-7110	North Buffalo CC 203 Sanders Ave., 874-6133
F.L.A.R.E. 307 Leroy St., 838-6740	Massachusetts Avenue Project 271 Grant St., 882-5237	

Reduce, Reuse and Recycle

Reducing the amount of waste your household generates on a weekly basis is as easy as practicing the “Three Rs of Waste Management”—Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle! By reducing, reusing and recycling your waste, and buying recycled content products, you can reduce your household waste by 50%! Remember to “close the recycling loop,” and buy recycled products!

Reduce Source reduction, or waste prevention means consuming and throwing away less. Source reduction includes purchasing durable, long-lasting goods and seeking products and packaging that are free of toxins. It can be as complex as redesigning a product to use less raw material in production, have a longer life, or be used again after its original use is completed. Because source reduction prevents the generation of waste in the first place, it is the preferable method of waste management and goes a long way toward protecting the environment.

Reuse Reusing items by repairing them, donating them to charity/community groups, or selling them also reduces waste. Use a product more than once, for the same purpose or for a different purpose. Reusing, is preferable to recycling because the item does not need to be reprocessed before it can be used again!

Recycle Recycling turns materials that would otherwise become waste into valuable resources and generates a host of environmental, financial, and social benefits. After collection, materials (e.g., glass, metal, plastics, and paper) are separated and sent to facilities that can process them into new materials or products.

Some tips for reducing household waste:

- Use durable coffee mugs.
- Use cloth napkins or towels.
- Use refillable bottles.
- Reuse boxes.
- Use empty jars as containers for leftovers.
- Purchase refillable pens and pencils.
- Donate old magazines and surplus equipment.
- Participate in paint collection/reuse and hazardous household waste collections drop-off.



Recycling one glass bottle saves enough electricity to light a 100 watt bulb for four hours.

Recycling glass saves 1/3 as much energy as making new.

Recycling paper saves 2/3 as much energy as making new.

Recycling cans saves 3/4 as much energy as making new.