

Recycling Guidelines

ITEMS WE ACCEPT

All items must be clean!

- **Please empty and rinse bottles, jars, cans, and aluminum products.**
- **Please remove items from bags – except shredded paper!**
- **Break down and flatten all cardboard boxes, (NO Styrofoam!)**

CARDBOARD:

- Cut and flatten cardboard boxes
- This also includes boxboard: i.e. cereal, shoe, tissue, etc.
- **Remove packaging materials from boxes**
- **No plastic (poly)-coated boxboard, for example, some frozen meal boxes, etc.**
- **Pizza boxes must be clean (remove and discard greasy parts)**

PAPER:

- Office, household, newspapers, magazines, envelopes, advertisements, books
- **Please keep all shredded paper in bags**

METALS:

- Steel, aluminum, tin, copper, brass, etc.
- Cans, aerosol cans, aluminum foil, scrap metal, etc.
- **Plastic parts must be removed from metal items**

PLASTIC:

- Recycling code numbers 1, 2, and 3 through 7
- Bottles and containers only, all colors
- Empty and rinse bottles and containers
- **Remove caps under three (3) inches in diameter and throw them away**

GLASS:

- Bottles and jars only, empty and rinse

Please note that cardboard and box board are only accepted at the Sault dropsite and some select trailer drop-off locations. Please recycle this material only at locations that accept cardboard.

Visit our website or Facebook for additional or updated information.

Website: www.northerntransitions.org/recycling.html

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/NorthernTransitionsInc>

WE DO NOT ACCEPT THE FOLLOWING ITEMS FOR RECYCLING

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| ❌ Styrofoam of any shape or form | ❌ Buckets and Totes |
| ❌ Lawn furniture | ❌ Window glass |
| ❌ Toys | ❌ Dishes, or ceramic items |
| ❌ PVC plastic or car seats | ❌ Hypodermic syringes (SHARPS) |
| ❌ Vinyl siding or decking | ❌ Drugs |
| ❌ Wax or poly-coated boxes | ❌ Medical waste |
| ❌ Single-use paper cups | ❌ Garbage, diapers, used cat litter |

THE FOLLOWING ARE ACCEPTED ONLY DURING OUR SUMMER HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE EVENTS.

Fees will be charged at household hazardous waste collection events.

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| • Anti-Freeze | • Fluorescent Light Bulbs |
| • Oil-Based Paints and Stains | • Dry Cell Batteries (i.e. alkaline, zinc, lithium) |
| • Pesticides & herbicides | • Some Types of Cleaning Chemicals |
| • Old Gasoline | • Other Poisons/Hazardous Materials |

Please note REINA RECYCLING does recycle electronics, as well as batteries. Their contact information is: www.reina-recycling.org, phone 906-748-7614.

Chippewa County Recycling Center is operated by Northern Transitions, Inc. Visit our website, or Facebook page, for additional or updated information, including our most recent Hazardous Waste Collection Schedule.

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Main Office: (906) 635-5681
Recycling: (906)632-0525

Sault Drop Site Hours

**Our drop site is open 24 hours a day beginning Tuesday, at 9:00 AM, and stays open through Saturday, until 3:00 PM.
Closed Sundays and Mondays**

The Recycling Process Starts With You

YOU are the first and most important step in the success of your local recycling program. What you do and don't bring to recycling, and how you prepare items for recycling can greatly improve efficiency, reduce costs, and contribute to the health and safety of those who process your recyclables.

First, you should make sure items are free of contaminants by emptying and rinsing items, and then, when you bring them for recycling, remove items from bags and place them in designated spaces.

Here are some Do's and Don'ts for Recycling:

Do empty, rinse, and crush containers, water and milk bottles, etc.



This saves space and improves ease of handling. This also reduces the number of trips you make to recycling. Wearing shoes and holding onto something when stomping on milk jugs is a good habit to get into. Do not break glass bottles or jars.

Do break down and flatten cardboard boxes



When not broken down, cardboard boxes waste valuable space and require a great deal of work to prepare for shipment. Cutting the tape and folding the box is the most common approach. Use caution when using a knife to cut tape and boxes.

Do remove greasy bottoms from pizza boxes



Fiber in your food is good, but food on fiber to be recycled is not. We cannot accept waxed or greasy cardboard, or food contaminated cardboard.

Do's and Don'ts continued



Don't recycle bottle caps unless they are over 3 inches in diameter. Caps must be removed before baling bottles to allow air to escape. Our sorting team removes hundreds of them a day. They are impossible to bale and otherwise hard to handle. When you take the cap off the bottle to rinse it, just leave it off.



Don't drop off TVs, other electronics, or household hazardous waste at drop sites. In addition to being extremely unsafe, they are very expensive to handle, including labor costs, packaging for shipping, and shipping itself. Special processing is required to handle these items safely.



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Leaving TVs, electronics, and household hazardous waste at any drop sites is unsafe and constitutes littering. It will be prosecuted.



Don't put hypodermic needles or other sharps in your recycling. Our gloves are good, but no match for needles. Please follow the manufacturer's instructions when disposing of needles and other sharps. You can ask your pharmacist, or local hospital, for a SHARPS container, or use a reasonable alternative container, and take it to the hospital laboratory for disposal.

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