***A Guide to Recycling in Midland Texas***

Provided by B&K Recycling

Midland’s recycling program is unique compared to others around the country. We are able to still recycle here, which is a plus considering some communities are not able to recycle at all. We may not be able to recycle all items that other cities can, but we can recycle quite a few. In the following pages you will see what is recyclable in our city and how to sort/ recognize what those items are.

 In Midland we are able to recycle 4 main items, those include:

* Plastics 1 and 2 (PETE), (HDPE)
* Aluminum Cans
* Cardboard
* Paper and Paper Products

The next 2 pages will give instructions and examples of these specific grouped items. Please pay attention to the set guidelines, thank you. We appreciate your business and compliance!

B&K Recycling is a curbside recycling collection company that will gladly provide a weekly recycling curbside pickup service in residential areas and to small companies. Sometimes it’s a hassle to get recycling to where it needs to go, especially when you are busy. We are here to solve that! With a weekly curbside recycling service, B&K is leading the way to a greener Midland. Let’s be honest Midland is lacking in being environmentally friendly. We can change that. B&K will provide you with everything you need to start recycling easily in your household, with a monthly fee of $35 you will receive an annual supply of bags and 3 bins for respective items. If you use our services for one year you will officially own your recycling bins and the fee will reduce to $30. There’s also a referral discount that can be found on our website. You can easily start recycling at your residence or business today. Thank you for using B&K and make sure to recommend our services to others in the community!

Plastics 1 (PETE), and 2 (HDPE) –

Plastic #1 (PETE)-

* These plastics will be most of your one-use beverage bottles. Also including many food containers that are clear. Most dish soap bottles included in this category.
* Ex: plastic water bottles, coke bottles, many salad dressing bottles, clear fruit juice jugs, and peanut butter containers.
* The best way to tell if a plastic is a #1 is by looking at the bottom and seeing if it has a PETE 1 with a triangle around it.

Plastic #2 (HDPE)-

* These plastics are commonly shampoo and conditioner bottles. Some items that are #2 can be found in the kitchen also.
* Ex: shampoo and conditioner bottles, chocolate syrup bottles, French’s mustard bottles, and milk jugs.
* The best way to tell if a plastic is a #2 is by looking at the bottom and seeing if it has a HDPE 2 with a triangle around it.

General 1 & 2 Plastic information:

* For soap bottles; if they have a pump remove the pump and put it in the trash not the bin.
* If something doesn’t have a 1 or 2 on it try your best to keep it out of the bin.
* NO PLASTIC BAGS OR PLASTIC PACKAGING will be accepted, please keep this out of your recycling for it could mess up the process.
* If you are recycling a food container, we ask you get almost all of the food out of the container, this can be achieved through a quick rinse or quick wash.

Aluminum Cans-

* When recycling aluminum cans there is no need to flatten them or remove the tabs.
* Make sure that you are recycling ALUMINUM CANS ONLY, other aluminum items are not able to be recycled in Midland currently.
* Tin and steel cans are also not currently recyclable in the city.
* An aluminum can once sent off to a recycling plant can be back on the shelf as a new can in about 6 months usually.

Cardboard-

* When recycling cardboard boxes make sure that all inside plastic wrap or styrofoam is taken out and put in the trash.
* We also ask that all boxes are flattened and stacked under your bags on routine curbside pickup days.
* Avoid putting paper products with your cardboard.
* No cardboard that is wet, ruined, greasy or extremely dirty will be taken.

Paper Products-

* Paper products that can be recycled are paper boxes (they’ll say paper box or paperboard on them), paper, but NO SHREDDED PAPER.
* Examples of Paperboard Boxes: Average cereal boxes, snack boxes, paper box packaging, and pasta boxes.
* No paper cartons will be accepted in recycling, we can’t process them here.
* And please no wet paper

Thank you for following Midland’s guide to recycling and please remember what you read here while recycling. – B&K Recycling