



HOLIDAY EDITION

LET US RECYCLE

REDUCE REUSE RECYCLE

November 2021

Our Vision

Every person in Porter County engages in an effective waste reduction lifestyle.



Our Mission

The Recycling & Waste Reduction District of Porter County is an agency dedicated to improving the environment and quality of life by providing services and educational programs which help residents reduce, reuse, and recycle.



Mission Ink...

- **Provide education to Porter County residents. Encourage new learning on recycling best practices and the environment.**
 - Our Outreach Educator presents programs at schools throughout Porter County, visiting more than 9,000 students annually.
- **Provide voluntary recycling and waste reduction opportunities.**
 - Household hazardous Waste Collection Events
 - Six drop-off recycling sites
 - Electronics Recycling
 - Batteries recycling
 - And Much More!





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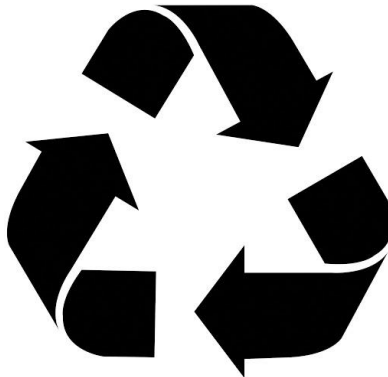
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2 WAYS

Inside the Bin...

- Majority (almost all) of NWI recycling goes to Homewood Disposal, located in Homewood, Illinois.
- Small portion of recyclables are dispatched to Chicago, majority of items are transferred to Illinois.
- Lake, Porter, LaPorte Counties similarly follow these guidelines.
- Recycling is regional; what we recycle curbside locally may be different than what's recycled in Indianapolis, South Bend, Chicago or Detroit.
- Recyclability is determined by markets – is there a company that will buy the materials and turn them into something else? ***Supply & Demand***
- What can the technology of the Materials Recovery Facility (MRF) handle?



Outside the Bin...

Not all materials are accepted in curbside recycling.

Area Resources:

- Metro Recycling
- Homewood Disposal Transfer Station
- Duneland 28
- And More!



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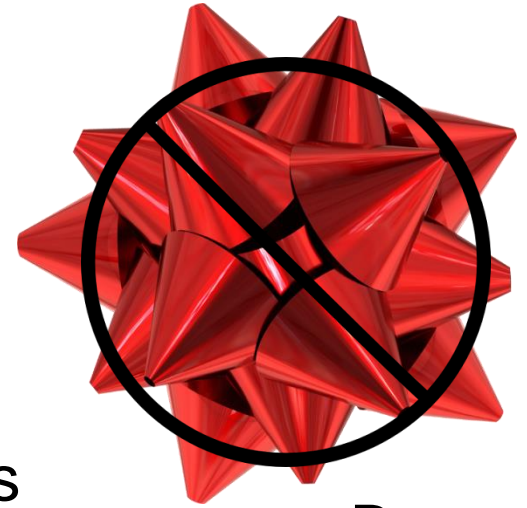
Troublemakers...



Wrapping Paper



Foil Gift Boxes



Bows



Ribbons

Solutions...



Newspaper Wrapping



Brown Paper Wrapping



Fabric

Troublemakers...



Disposable Roasting Pans



Plastic Cutlery



Dirty Paper Plates

Solutions...



Reusable Dishes/Platters



Linens/Tablecloths



Silverware

Solutions...



Compostable Components



Natural Elements

Troublemakers...



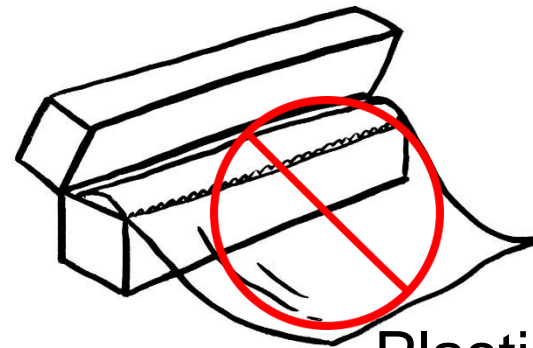
Styrofoam



Plastic Bags



Shredded Paper



Plastic Wrap

No Plastic Bags in Bins!

Help Us. Help Mother Earth.

Did you know plastic bags can't be placed in regular curbside recycling?

- When plastic bags get mixed in with other recyclables, they're difficult to sort out. Plastic bags often jam or damage the machines at local sorting facilities.
- This significantly slows down the recycling process and creates work stoppages. Resulting in increased processing costs.
- Plastic bags can be recycled at the Valparaiso Compost Site located at 2150 W. Lincolnway. Hwy. 130 – 1 mile west of intersection with Joliet. For complete list of plastic bag recycling locations throughout Porter County visit <https://portercountyrecycling.org/recycling-directory/>
- Questions? Contact us at info@PorterCountyRecycling.org for more information.



Helpful Tip: **If the plastic material in question can be wrapped around your finger, it doesn't belong in your recycle bin.**





Thank You
so much!