

### It's Convenient

With the arrival of your new cart, you now have the convenience of curbside, single stream recycling. This service is provided at **no additional cost** for single-family and multi-family units of four or less.

### It's Easy

Single stream recycling means **no sorting** of recyclables! All permitted recyclable materials including paper, cardboard, metals, and plastics may be combined and placed into your new cart with the green lid (see YES list).

Recyclables are picked up and transported to a Materials Recovery Facility (MRF) where they are sorted, processed and sold for reuse.

### Go Green!

Permitted recyclable materials must be placed in the cart with the green lid.

- Do **NOT** bag recyclables
- Rinse off food residue
- Paper materials must be clean and dry
- Flatten cardboard boxes and cartons

Recycling carts may not be used for trash, yard waste or any material other than permitted recyclable materials.



## YES

**Plastics:** plastic bottles, jugs, tubs; all plastic containers #1-7 (no caps or lids smaller than 2 inches)

**Glass:** glass bottles and jars (brown, green, clear)

**Paper:** newspaper, magazines, junk mail, office paper (staples OK) paperback books, cereal boxes and other paper board, cardboard, shredded paper (placed in clear, closed plastic bag to prevent scattered pieces)

**Metals:** aluminum, tin and steel cans; scrap metal (size less than 30 inches all directions and less than 50 pounds)



## NO

Do not include these items:

- Plastic bags/plastic sheeting (grocery bags, box liners, food storage bags, 6-pk rings)
- Unnumbered plastics (film canisters, prescription bottles, disposable dishware, utensils)
- Styrofoam™ and polystyrene
- Glass and ceramic cookware and dishes (Pyrex®, porcelain, drinking glasses, crystal, mirrors, window glass, lightbulbs)
- Wax or plastic-coated cardboard or paper; photographs
- Facial and toilet tissue, paper towels, plates, cups or any paper in contact with food; gift wrap
- Aluminum foil, foil drink pouches
- Trash/organics (food & waste)
- Electronics and small appliances
- Garden hoses, coat hangers
- Clothing, fabric, carpets and shoes
- Scissors, sharp objects, aerosol cans
- Motor oil containers/filters
- Household hazardous waste



Exception: Shredded paper should be placed in **clear**, closed plastic bag

### Schedule

You may begin filling your cart as soon as it arrives. Recycling collection will occur every other week, the same day as your usual trash pick up. A calendar has been included in this packet as a reminder for you.

One half of Emporia (west side of West Street to west city limit) will have their first recycling pickup the week of June 1st-June 5th. Residents on the east side of West Street to the east city limit (east of Rural from 12th to 18th Ave.) will have their first recycling pickup the week of June 8th-June 12th.

The schedule for collection of trash and recycling may change due to a holiday. These dates are indicated on the calendar.

### Curb It

- **Set trash and recycling carts out by 6:00 a.m.**
- Make sure cart lids are closed.
- Place carts at curb or along alley with handles pointing towards your residence.
- Keep carts five feet away from other carts, mail boxes, fire hydrants, low hanging trees or shrubs, parked cars, or utility poles.
- Remove empty carts from the street within 24 hours.

**Please note:** A different truck is used to pick up recyclables. **It may be several hours between the time your trash cart is emptied and the time your recycle cart is emptied.**

## A Change of Cart

### Return Policy

Participation in Emporia's curbside recycling program is voluntary. We hope you recognize the importance of recycling and will accept your environmental and civic responsibility to participate. We request residents try curbside recycling for 90 days. If you still do not want your recycling cart after this time, you may call the Public Works Department at 340-6339 and the city will pick up your cart at no charge.

### Exchange Policy

You have received a 95-gallon cart for recycling. Although this may seem very large, you will soon find that your recycling cart will fill more quickly than your trash cart. If you want to exchange the **trash** cart for a smaller size, you may call the Public Works Department at 340-6339 and the city will deliver your smaller trash cart when they become available in 2016.

### Additional Cart

Residents can request an additional recycling cart at no additional charge by calling the Public Works Department at 340-6339.

## Drop-Off Recycling Options

Many items can be recycled at drop-off locations throughout town. Some of the more common items are listed below.

- Books to the Public Library
- Clothing, housewares, furniture, electronics and small appliances to organizations such as The Salvation Army or Goodwill
- Plastic sacks to Walmart, Dillon's or JC Penney
- Lawn clippings and leaves to the City's yard waste disposal area at 3100 W. South Avenue
- Hazardous wastes to facility at 3000 W. South Avenue

## Recycling Directory

Not sure if an item can be recycled? Use the Emporia Recycling Directory online at [recycle.emporia-kansas.gov](http://recycle.emporia-kansas.gov)

## Tell Your Friends:

Apartments of more than four units and residences outside the city limits are not currently eligible for the city's curbside recycling program but may continue to use the drop centers at the South Avenue facility or Thursday noon to Saturday 10:00 a.m. at Dillon's. Recyclables will no longer have to be sorted.

## Recycling Is Important

Recycling

- reduces landfill waste
- saves natural resources and
- improves the environment

Recycling is no longer something that is nice to do; it is our personal and corporate responsibility to make our community more efficient and sustainable. Curbside recycling is easy, convenient, and has many benefits for our citizens and generations to come.

Your participation in curbside recycling will help us double or triple our current residential recycling volumes.

**Recycle Emporia! Curb it!**

## Facebook

Follow us on Facebook to stay current on trash, recycling, composting and household hazardous waste services, as well as upcoming community events.

Like us on Facebook at Recycle Emporia.



# Curbit!

## Curbside Recycling



It's EASY  
bein' green!

The City of Emporia is pleased to bring you curbside recycling service beginning June 1st.

## Inside

What can be recycled? • What can't be recycled? • Guidelines • Cart information  
• Benefits of recycling

For more information visit:  
[recycle.emporia-kansas.gov](http://recycle.emporia-kansas.gov)

