

# City of Sturgis Curbside Recycling

## THE CITY'S CURBSIDE RECYCLING PROGRAM



The City of Sturgis provides curbside recycling service to its residents through a contract with Borden Waste-Away Service, Inc. All residential properties (including rental properties) in the City, with the exception of large apartment complexes, are eligible for curbside recycling service.

The service uses recycling carts provided by Borden and is collected twice each month, with homes north of US-12 collected on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month, those south of US-12 collected on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays. On months with five Thursdays, there is NO collection on the 5th Thursday.

The carts for recycling are grey with blue lids; if your residence does not currently have a recycling cart, contact Borden at 1-800-386-3313. The service uses a single stream method of recycling, so recyclable items do not need to be sorted, only placed in your cart. A list of items that you are able to recycle with this service (and those you are not) is included on the back of this sheet.

This service is paid for with a \$2.00 per month fee; the charge appears on the summer tax bill for the entire year—a total charge of \$24.00. This fee is assessed whether or not you take advantage of the service.

### Remember; Pickup on Thursdays

Pickup north of US-12 (1st & 3rd)
Pickup south of US-12 (2nd & 4th)
NO Pickup (5th, when occurring)

	SU	M	T	W	TH	F	S
Pickup north of US-12 (1st & 3rd)				X	X	X	X
Pickup south of US-12 (2nd & 4th)	X	X	X	X	X	XX	XX
NO Pickup (5th, when occurring)	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX
	XX	XX	XX	XX	XX		

*Put your cart out early, preferably the night before, in order to ensure collection on your pickup days. Collection starts early each Thursday.*

### DOS AND DON'TS FOR CURBSIDE RECYCLING

**DON'T:** Include items that are not recyclable such as wood, building materials, non-collectable plastics, and trash

**DO:** Recycle everything you can; see the list on the back for what is and is not recyclable

**DON'T:** Pile extra recycling alongside your cart or in a regular trash can; it won't be collected.

**DO:** Break down boxes and flatten plastic containers to make room, save extra recycling for the next collection, or ask Borden about the cost for a second container.

**DON'T:** Place your cart behind a parked car or where a car can park; obstructed carts won't be collected.

**DO:** Make sure you place your cart on the terrace or near the road in an un-obscured location for collection.

### QUESTIONS, QUERIES, ISSUES?

- Need a recycling cart?
- Service Issue?
- Other questions?

For Customer Service, contact Borden Waste-Away toll-free at:

**1-800-386-3313**

Para el servicio de cliente, el contacto Borden Waste-Away gratis en:

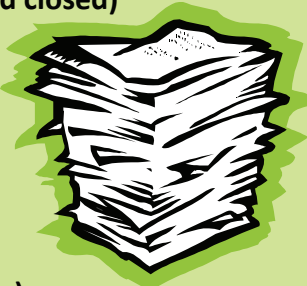
# RECYCLING CART TIPS AND INFORMATION



- Be sure to have your cart out early on collection day; preferably on Wednesday night.
- Place the cart with lid opening toward the street on pickup day.
- Clean recyclables should be placed directly in the cart, not in bags or boxes.
- No Garbage - Carts containing garbage will not be serviced.
- Remove the cart from the terrace after collection.

## YES! Recycle these Items in the Grey Cart

- ✓ Flattened cardboard (must be sized to fit in cart with lid closed)
- ✓ Newspaper & inserts
- ✓ Magazines & catalogs
- ✓ Phone books
- ✓ Paperback books
- ✓ Mail
- ✓ Office paper & scrap paper
- ✓ Paper bags & food boxes (no liners)
- ✓ Frozen food boxes
- ✓ Juice boxes
- ✓ Clean milk jugs & cartons (rinsed)
- ✓ Clean plastic containers #1- #5 (food, detergent, shampoo, etc) (labels are ok, discard lids & caps)
- ✓ Aluminum cans
- ✓ Steel or tin cans
- ✓ Glass bottles & jars (any color) (labels are ok, discard lids & caps)



## NO! These Items are NOT Recyclable

- ✗ Food residue or garbage
- ✗ Plastic bags
- ✗ Styrofoam containers or peanuts
- ✗ Paper towels, plates or napkins
- ✗ Diapers or rags
- ✗ Plastic take-out containers
- ✗ Plastic trays
- ✗ Plastic cups, plates or utensils
- ✗ Food wrap
- ✗ Toxic containers (oil, antifreeze, pesticides)
- ✗ Aluminum foil, foil trays
- ✗ Aerosol cans
- ✗ Needles or syringes
- ✗ Scrap metal, knives or scissors
- ✗ Ceramics or dishes
- ✗ Light bulbs
- ✗ Mirrors or window glass
- ✗ Yard waste or leaves



## DON'T HAVE CURBSIDE SERVICE? YOU CAN HELP TOO!

If you live in an apartment complex or outside the city limits, you may not have curbside service. But don't worry; check out some of these ideas for other ways to contribute:

- Ask if your trash hauler offers recycling services.
- Recycle plastic shopping bags. Several local stores collect these for recycling.
- Watch for opportunities to recycle electronics and hazardous waste materials. The St. Joseph County Solid Waste Committee arranges for drop off services periodically at locations around the county.
- Contact the St. Joseph Community Co-Op at (269) 659-4525. They offer recycling for some paper and cardboard.