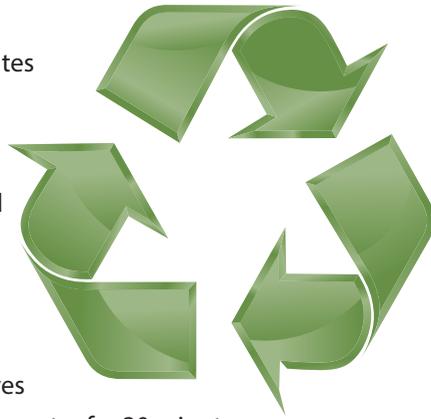


Recycling Fast Facts

- ◆ The average American generates 4.4 pounds of trash per day.
- ◆ About 1 billion pounds, or 32 billion aluminum cans, end up in landfills every year. The wasted energy could power 1.5 million homes for a year.
- ◆ Recycling one glass bottle saves enough energy to power a computer for 30 minutes or a TV for 20 minutes.
- ◆ Every day, U.S. papermakers recycle enough paper to fill a 15-mile-long train of boxcars.
- ◆ Steel is the most recycled material in North America. Each year, more steel is recycled than aluminum, paper, glass and plastic combined!
- ◆ Recycled mixed plastics create new products, such as containers and packaging, fiber and fiberfill for clothing, carpeting, car parts, plastic lumber and playground equipment and reusable kitchenware like cutting boards, utensils and food storage containers.



Top 5 Reasons To Recycle

1. Recycling conserves natural resources such as trees, water and minerals – preserving the environment for future generations.
2. Recycling reduces the need for landfills and incinerators – when materials are recycled, less waste is sent to disposal facilities.
3. Recycling prevents pollution and reduces greenhouse gas emissions caused by the extracting and processing of raw materials.
4. Recycling saves energy by eliminating the need to extract and process raw materials.
5. Recycling helps create new jobs in the United States for both the recycling industry and manufacturing.

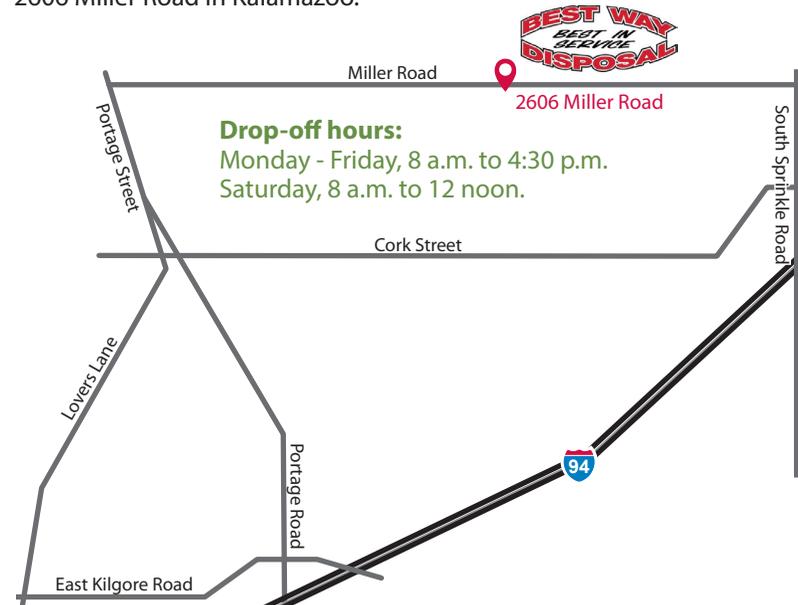
Source: www.iwanttoberecycled.org

Household Hazardous Waste

The City of Portage participates in the Kalamazoo County Household Hazardous Waste Program. This is a free service provided through the Kalamazoo County Human Services Department. For more information, including location, hours of operation and accepted materials, call the Kalamazoo County Household Hazardous Waste Program Information Hotline at 373-5211 or visit www.kalcounty.com/hhw.

Drop-Off Recycling

Portage residents may utilize the Best Way Disposal drop-off recycling facility for a fee of \$2 per cubic yard. All items included in the Curbside Recycling Program are accepted at the drop-off facility located at 2606 Miller Road in Kalamazoo.



Drop-off hours:
Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Saturday, 8 a.m. to 12 noon.

Questions?



**Best Way Disposal Customer
Service Center
388-3300**

OR

**City of Portage Recycling Hotline
329-4416**

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Curbside Recycling Services

The City of Portage is committed to the conservation of natural resources and minimizing the strain on the planet. Through a dedicated, voter-approved millage, the Curbside Recycling Program provides for the collection of recyclable materials at the curbside. The **SINGLE-STREAM RECYCLING PROGRAM** allows residents to **mix all acceptable recyclables in one cart - no sorting!** Keep this brochure handy for easy reference when preparing materials.

Accepted Items & Preparation Instructions

- ◆ Newspapers, including inserts, comics and advertisements.
- ◆ Magazines, catalogs, phone books, office paper, unwanted mail, paper bags, etc.
- ◆ Paperboard, such as cereal boxes, cracker boxes, paper towel rolls, etc.
- ◆ Corrugated cardboard.



- ✓ Place papers directly into the recycling cart – no need to bag papers separately.
- ✓ Food boxes must be clean and free of food and food residue.
- ✓ Corrugated cardboard must be flattened and/or cut down to a size that will fit in the recycling cart.
- ✓ Shredded papers can be placed in a brown paper bag and placed in the cart.
- ✓ Papers placed in plastic bags are not acceptable.

- ◆ Glass jars and bottles of any color.
- ◆ Aluminum cans, foil pie tins, etc.
- ◆ Tin or steel food cans and lids.
- ◆ Plastic bottles such as milk jugs, detergent bottles, personal care product bottles, cleaning solution bottles, etc.
- ◆ Plastic food tubs such as butter, yogurt and deli containers.



- ✓ Rinse all containers well – all materials must be clean and free of food, liquid or original contents.
- ✓ Labels are OK. Remove caps from bottles.
- ✓ Place materials directly into the recycling cart – no need to separate from papers.
- ✓ All items must fit inside the cart so that the lid closes. Overfull carts and overflow materials will not be collected.
- ✓ Only RIGID plastics marked with these symbols are accepted: 

Items NOT Accepted

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| ◆ Aerosol cans | ◆ Paint / paint cans | ◆ Styrofoam cups, packing materials, egg cartons, etc. |
| ◆ Batteries | ◆ Pizza boxes with food residue or grease | ◆ Wax-coated cardboard (typically used to pack and transport produce or meat) |
| ◆ Hazardous liquids or materials | ◆ Plastic grocery bags or plastic wrap | ◆ Window glass |
| ◆ Light bulbs | ◆ Scrap metal | ◆ Wire hangers |
| ◆ Microwave food containers | ◆ Soiled food containers | ◆ Yard waste |
| ◆ Motor oil / motor oil containers | | |

Your Recycling Cart

Your recycling cart is for use only in the Curbside Recycling Program. If you move, please leave the cart at your address for the next resident. Pursuant to City Ordinance, misuse of the cart is prohibited. Additional carts may be rented directly from Best Way Disposal. Contact Best Way Disposal at 388-3300 for more information.

Biweekly Collection Schedule

The map below identifies the day of the week each area of the city is scheduled for collection. Collection occurs every other week. Please refer to the Best Way Disposal calendar for your specific collection dates. Wheel your cart to the street by 7 a.m. on your collection day.



Holiday Schedule

Collection will not be made on the following legal holidays:

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| ◆ New Year's Day | ◆ Labor Day | ◆ Memorial Day |
| ◆ Thanksgiving Day | ◆ Fourth of July | ◆ Christmas Day |

When your pick up day occurs during the week of a holiday, collection will take place one day later.