

RECYCLING

Can Pak Environmental is contracted to pick up recycling from every residence in town. Your blue bins must be placed outside on the street, wheels to the curb, 1M or more from vehicles parked, prior to 7:00 a.m. on recycling days. Recycling day is every other Monday. You can check the Town Newsletter Community Calendar or call the Town Office for the dates.

The following materials should be recycled:

Paper

- Newspaper and inserts, magazines, catalogues
- White writing & computer paper
- Greeting cards, non-foil gift wrap
- Junk mail, paper bags, envelopes, paper egg cartons, paperback and hardcover books
- Shredded paper is accepted ONLY if it is in CLEAR plastic bags

Metals

- No loose lids: trap inside, empty and rinse
- Clean tin cans (soup, juice etc.)
- Aluminum containers
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Glass

- Empty and rinse; discard lids, labels can be left on
- Jars
- Bottles



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Cardboard

- **FLATTENED** corrugated cardboard boxes (boxes when flattened must be no larger than 36" square)
- **FLATTENED** shoe boxes, cereal and food boxes (remove and discard liner)
- Milk cartons (rinse and flatten)
- Juice boxes

Plastic

- Household cleaner bottles
- Milk jugs, pop and beverage bottles
- Detergent or fabric softener bottles
- Margarine and yogurt containers

Helpful Tips

- Bundle or tie loose cardboard
- Put light items on the bottom of the bin so they don't blow out
- Put all plastic grocery bags in one bag and tie

**PLEASE DO NOT PUT IN
RECYCLE BIN**

The following is a list of items that are not acceptable for recycling:

- Waxed cardboard
- Paper towels or tissues
- Ceramics, china, glass plates, light bulbs or mirrors
- Tupperware or similar containers
- Styrofoam packaging of any kind
- Absolutely NO disposable diapers
- Kitty litter of any kind
- Electronics
- Clothing or footwear of any kind
- No liquids of any kind (ie motor oils, cooking oils, paint etc.)

Aluminum cans thrown away outside can take up to 500 years to decompose, a plastic bottle 700 years and a glass bottle would take 4000 years to decompose.

COMPOST

There are compost bins conveniently located throughout town. These sites are held within wooden or concrete containers and only accept grass clippings, leaves and compostable Material.

To make your yard care as easy as possible, the Town of Bowden will pick up tree limbs, tree roots and portions of your shrubs and bushes. Please put this material next to the compost bins or close to your fence in a laneway and town crews will pick up as their schedule permits. To ensure pick-up of this material, please ensure that it meets the following criteria:

- Must be cut into lengths no longer than 1 meter
- Must not be of excessive weight or quantity
- Must have all branches from the main branch cut off
- Must be piled in the same direction & bundled together where possible
- Must be clean, not chemically treated and not manufactured wood

Any yard waste that is larger than this can be taken directly to the Town burn pit as long as it is un-treated and free of nails. Our burn pit is open Monday through Friday 8:00 am - 4:00 pm. Contact Public Works at 403-224-3621 for further information.

