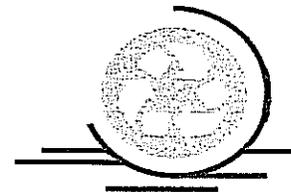




Recycling



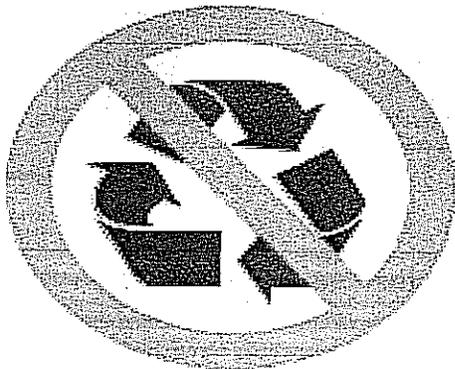
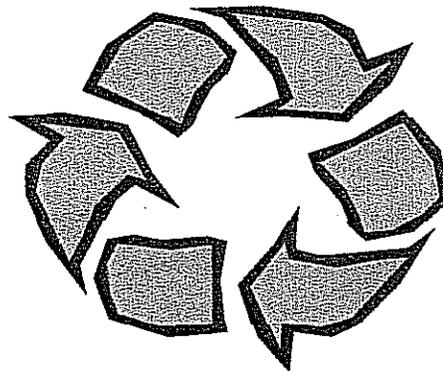
* **Did you know...** If every American recycled just one-tenth of their newspapers, we could save about **25 million trees** each year.

- **About 80% of what Americans throw away is recyclable, yet the average recycling rate is only 28%.**

Recycling is very important for the environment, and it's an opportunity for people of all ages to help the world. Everyone can recycle: Schools can teach kids about recycling by taking a tour of the recycling building at the landfill. Adults can decide how and what to recycle, and they can share their knowledge of recycling with their family. Parents can involve their kids by encouraging the use of recycling bins in their homes and putting "Recycling" on their kids' chore charts. Businesses most likely have the most recycling and therefore can make the biggest difference in the world. Children CAN make a difference. Even one aluminum can in your recycling bin can save enough energy to power your T.V. for **three hours**.

RECYCLABLE

- All plastics with the numbers 1-5
- Any Aluminum or metal cans, pans, and foil (remove any labels and clean)
- Corrugated cardboard (must be cleaned and flattened)
- All kinds of paper, magazines, books (take off cover), and paper egg cartons



NON-RECYCLABLE

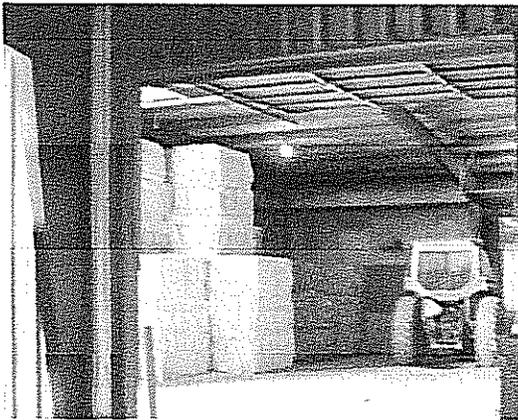
- Plastics with the numbers 6 and 7 or no numbers (no lids)
- Glass
- Batteries used in toys (go in regular garbage)
- Fiber board (cereal boxes) and wax-coated cardboard
- Tissues, paper towels, wax paper, food wrappers, uneaten food, and dirty paper plates, cups, and napkins

ADDITIONAL TIPS

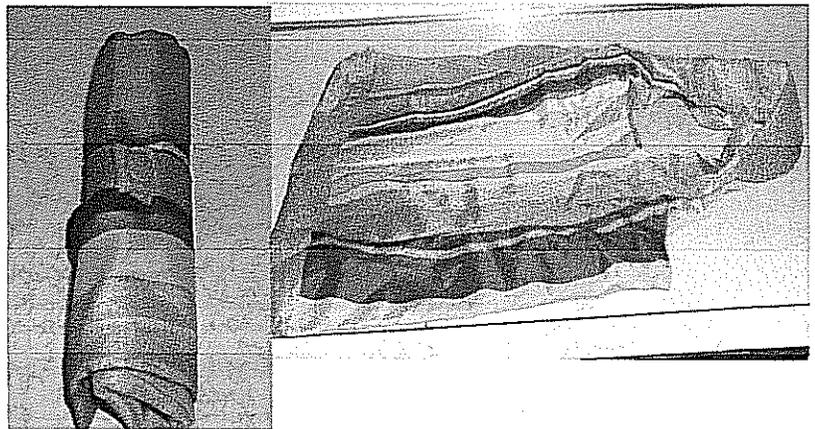
1. People in Sheldon can put their recycling in the big blue recycling bin outside of the city office.
2. Buy bigger recycling bins to make room for more recycling.

ADDITIONAL TIPS (continued):

3. All hazardous materials can be brought to the landfill so they can be disposed of properly; Hazardous wastes include oil, spray paint, engine oil filters, any old or dead car batteries, and any cans with unused chemicals in it.
4. Extra canned paint that isn't used should be left open to dry out and then thrown away in a regular garbage.
5. Label a garbage can or tray in your house specifically for recycling items (preferably near your regular garbage can).
6. Recycle your shoes with Soles4Soles which will be sent to various poor countries.
7. Recycle clothes, household items, books, sheets, vases, and toys at the local Treasure Chest. All of the donations benefit our local community or are passed on to people in poor countries.
8. Use recycled paper whenever printing.
9. Having a party? Use biodegradable cups and envirosax (biodegradable garbage bags) that only take a couple months to decay instead of years!
10. Save water by reusing water bottles and not washing anything that isn't dirty.
11. Recycle plastic bags at Hy-Vee.
12. Use reusable bags at all stores. You can get small fold up ones that even fit in your purse at Ben Franklin or Prairie Moon Books.



Squares of recycled plastic at the Northwest Iowa landfill. It would be great to have many more squares.



New recycling bags that can roll up to fit anywhere!

Thank you to Schwarz Sanitary, Sue McCarty at the landfill, and Prairie Moon Books for their donations to support recycling.

IMPORTANT NUMBERS FOR MORE RESOURCES:

* Northwest Iowa Landfill– 712-324 - 4026 or go to their website: www.nwialandfill.com
Sheldon City Office: 712-324-4651