



# BROOKINGS SINGLE-STREAM RECYCLING

PICKED UP WEEKLY



Thursday & Friday



## WHAT IS SINGLE-STREAM RECYCLING?



COLLECTED

TRANSPORTED

SORTED

**SINGLE-STREAM RECYCLING** (sometimes called commingled or single-sort recycling), refers to a form of recycling where all items can be placed in the same container. They are then transported to a facility where they are sorted.

## WHAT TO RECYCLE & HOW



### PLASTIC

Rinse bottles and Containers

PREPARE



- #1 Soda bottles, water bottles,
- #2 Milk, jugs, cleaning, bottles, plastic
- #3 Vegetable oil bottles
- #4 Squeezable food bottles
- #5 Medicine bottles, aerosol caps,
- #6 aspirin bottles
- #7 Some food containers, Tupperware

Pesticide caps, antifreeze or oil containers, plastic wrap, bubble wrap, bread bags, drinking straws, toys, CD cases, egg cartons, frozen food bags, flower pots, shopping bags, styrofoam products.

Note: Shredded paper may be placed in a transparent plastic bag.

STYROFOAM

PREPARE

Only clean, dry paper. Do not bind. Remove all packing materials

### PAPER



Newspaper, office paper, junk mail, tissue paper, magazines, phone books, light and bright colored paper, cardboard boxes, and corrugated cardboard

Paper towels, facial tissues, wax coated cardboard, sticky notes, wax paper, photographs, gift wrap

take out the trash

PREPARE

### METAL ALUMINUM / STEEL / TIN

Rinse cans & containers

PREPARE



Drink cans, food cans, clean tin, foil baking trays

Batteries, pesticide or herbicide containers, contaminated foil, aerosol or paint cans

PREPARE

Rinse jars and bottles

### GLASS



All colors of glass accepted (non-broken glass).

Jars & containers that still have the lids on them or that have not been cleaned/rinsed. No Broken glass please.

## RECYCLE SMART LEAVE

## THE BAG OUT OF YOUR CART



Due to changes in the recycling industry, plastic bags are no longer being accepted for recycling in the City of Brookings recycling carts. This includes individual bags and bags used to contain/collect recycling. Please read on to learn about their options that are available to you. NOTE: Shredded paper may be placed in a transparent plastic bag.

## WHY?

Two main items have moved plastic bags out of the recycling stream. First of all, the financial market for plastic bags has declined making it difficult to sell products. Secondly, plastic bags are labor intensive to recycle.

Due to this, the company that the city works with to service their single-stream recycling efforts has chosen to no longer accept plastic bags, therefore the city can no longer accept them.

## ALTERNATIVES

### WHAT CAN YOU DO WITH YOUR BAGS?



#### REDUCE THEM

Avoid getting a plastic bag in the first place. Remember to bring your reusable bag when you go shopping.



#### DROP THEM OFF

Bring them to a designated plastic bag recycling drop-off location in Brookings:

Hy-Vee  
Wal-Mart Supercenter



#### REUSE THEM

Give your plastic bags a second life by using them as trash liners, dog waste bags, etc. Or make them into something beautiful like this reusable grocery tote bag.



#### THROW THEM AWAY

As a last option, throw your plastic bags into the trash.

[www.instructables.com/Shopping-bag-from-plastic-shopping-bags](http://www.instructables.com/Shopping-bag-from-plastic-shopping-bags)

## PROCESSED INTO COMPOST FOR REUSE

### YARD WASTE

Place items in brown City of Brookings yard waste carts

PREPARE



Grass clippings, vines, stalks, flowers, leaves and weeds

Large branches, food, and organics