

## Recycling Guidelines

### ITEMS WE ACCEPT

#### **All items must be clean!**

- **Please empty and rinse bottles, jars, cans, and aluminum foil products.**
- **Please remove items from bags and place them in designated space – except shred**
- **Please break down and flatten all cardboard boxes, (NO Styrofoam!)**

#### **GLASS:**

- Bottles and jars only, all colors – NO Candles

#### **METALS:**

- Steel, aluminum, tin, copper, brass, etc.
- Cans, aerosol cans, aluminum foil, scrap metal, etc.
- **Remove all plastic parts from metal items**

#### **PLASTIC:**

- Recycling codes numbers 1, 2, and 3 through 7
- Bottles and containers, all colors
- Empty and rinse bottles and containers
- **Remove all caps and throw away caps under three (3) inches in diameter**

#### **PAPER:**

- Office, household, newspapers, magazines, envelopes, advertisements, books, etc.
- **Please keep all shredded paper in bags**

#### **CARDBOARD:**

- Cut and flatten all cardboard boxes
- Remove all packaging materials from boxes
- Boxboard: grey, brown, or tan colored boxes, i.e. cereal, shoe, tissue, etc.
- No plastic-coated boxboard, i.e. frozen meal boxes, whiteboard, etc.
- **Pizza boxes must be clean (remove and discard greasy parts)**

Please note that cardboard and box board are only accepted at some drop-off locations. Please recycle this material only at locations that accept cardboard.

Visit our website or Facebook for additional or updated information.

Website: [www.northerntransitions.org/recycling.html](http://www.northerntransitions.org/recycling.html)

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## Northern Transitions Inc. – Chippewa County Recycling Center

### **WE DO NOT ACCEPT THE FOLLOWING ITEMS FOR RECYCLING**

- ❌ Hypodermic syringes (SHARPS)
- ❌ Styrofoam of any shape or form
- ❌ Drugs
- ❌ Medical waste
- ❌ Window glass
- ❌ Dishes, or ceramic items
- ❌ Garbage, diapers, used cat litter
- ❌ Wax coated boxes or containers
- ❌ Office wastebasket material
- ❌ Single-use paper cups
- ❌ PVC plastic or car seats
- ❌ Vinyl siding or decking
- ❌ Lawn furniture
- ❌ Toys

### **THE FOLLOWING ARE ACCEPTED ONLY DURING OUR SUMMER HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE EVENTS.**

**Fees will be charged at household hazardous waste collection events.**

- Anti-Freeze
- Oil-Based Paints and Stains
- Pesticides & herbicides
- Other Poisons
- Fluorescent Light Bulbs
- Dry Cell Batteries (i.e. alkaline, zinc, lithium)
- Some Types of Cleaning Chemicals
- Old Gasoline

Please note REINA RECYCLING does recycle electronics, as well as batteries. Their contact information is: [www.reina-recycling.org](http://www.reina-recycling.org) , phone 906-748-7614.

Chippewa County Recycling Center is operated by Northern Transitions, Inc. Visit our website, or Facebook page, for additional or updated information, including our most recent Hazardous Waste Collection Schedule.

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Main Office: (906) 635-5681  
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## The Recycling Process Starts With You

**YOU** are the first and most important step in the success of your local recycling program. What you do and don't bring to recycling, and how you prepare items for recycling can greatly improve efficiency, reduce costs, and contribute to the health and safety of those who process your recyclables.

First, you should make sure items are free of contaminants by emptying and rinsing items, and then, when you bring them for recycling, remove items from bags and place them in designated spaces.

Here are some Do's and Don'ts for Recycling:

**Do** empty, rinse, and crush containers, water and milk bottles, etc.



This saves space and improves ease of handling. This also reduces the number of trips you make to recycling. Wearing shoes and holding onto something when stomping on milk jugs is a good habit to get into. Do not break glass bottles or jars.

**Do** break down and flatten cardboard boxes



When not broken down, cardboard boxes waste valuable space and require a great deal of work to prepare for shipment. Cutting the tape and folding the box is the most common approach. Use caution when using a knife to cut tape and boxes.

**Do** remove greasy bottoms from pizza boxes



Fiber in your food is good, but food on fiber to be recycled is not. We cannot accept waxed, or greasy cardboard, or food contaminated cardboard.

## Do's and Don'ts continued



**Don't** recycle bottle caps unless they are over 3 inches in diameter. Caps must be removed before baling bottles to allow air to escape. Our sorting team removes hundreds of them a day. They are impossible to bale and otherwise hard to handle. When you take the cap off the bottle to rinse it, just leave it off. You can find hundreds of example of uses for bottle caps on the internet. If you don't want to reuse them, just throw them away.



**Don't** drop off TVs, other electronics, or household hazardous waste at drop sites.

In addition to being extremely unsafe, they are very expensive to handle, including labor costs, packaging for shipping, and shipping itself. Special processing is required to handle these items safely.



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*Leaving TVs, electronics, and household hazardous waste at drop sites is unsafe and constitutes littering . It will be prosecuted.*



**Don't** put hypodermic needles or other sharps in your recycling. Our gloves are good, but no match for needles. Please follow the manufacturer's instructions when disposing of needles and other sharps. You can ask you pharmacist, or local hospital, for a SHARPS container, or use a reasonable alternative container, and take it to the hospital laboratory for disposal.




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## Cardboard Only Trailer Instructions

- All products placed in trailer must be clean
  - First, fill the slots, bins, or boxes that are the farthest from the back of the trailers
  - Make sure you remove recycling from bags and place them in their designated slot, bin, or box
  - Cardboard must be flattened and stacked neatly in the back (the far end) if the trailer is a semi-trailer
  - Cardboard is material, that when ripped, is **brown, or grey-brown**
  - Brown paper bags, tissue boxes, cereal boxes, soda pop boxes, etc., are all considered cardboard
-  **NO Styrofoam**
-  **No Whiteboard**
-  **No Plastic Strap, String, Wire or Rope**

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## Chippewa County Recycling Drop-site Trailer Locations

All Trailers have side openings with designations for various types of items to be recycled; please use the correct opening. Not all sites accept cardboard, those marked with an asterisk (\*) will accept flattened cardboard, as does the Sault Ste. Marie drop-site.

Bay Mills Township Hall Bruce  
Township Hall  
Chippewa Township Hall  
Dafter Fire Hall  
De Tour Maintenance Building \*  
Drummond Island Township Hall \*  
Hulbert Township Fire Department  
Kinross City Water / Maintenance  
Neebish Island Ferry Dock

Pickford Township Hall  
Raber Township Hall  
Rudyard - Point 18  
Sugar Island Transfer Station \*  
Superior Township Hall  
Trout Lake Township Hall \*  
Whitefish Township Transfer Station  
\* These locations accept cardboard in their trailers.

In additions to these general recycling trailers, we have also placed cardboard only trailers in: Pickford; Kinross; Raber; Trout Lake; Drummond; DeTour; and Whitefish townships.

Please use the closest location to drop off your recycling. For more specific details on where each trailer is located, please contact township offices.

For additional information visit one of our web pages

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**If you have questions, just call us**  
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