

# Mason City Residential Recycling Program

What can I recycle?



Screw-Top Plastics (with caps)  
& Yogurt and Margarine Tubs (no lids)  
#1 and #2 plastics; **NOT #5**



Paper Food Cartons (no caps)  
(not cylinder shaped)



Newspaper,  
Glossy Inserts &  
Magazines  
Mixed Paper (Junk mail, phone books, envelopes)  
Cardboard (Break down, cut to fit & bind)



Wire Hangers



Shredded Paper  
(Place in a paper sack or box)



Aluminum, Tin  
& Empty Aerosol Cans



Glass Jars & Bottles  
(All colors)

## Don't Bag Recyclables



Keep items loose  
in the bin. The  
sorting facility  
doesn't break  
the bags open.

Do not recycle:



Plastic Bags



Aluminum Foil  
& Baking Tins



Compostable Cups,  
Plates, Utensils & Bags



Plastic Cups, Lids & Utensils  
(#5 & berry/clamshell containers)



Paper Cups



Containers for  
Hazardous Materials



Food Contaminated  
Items (Pizza boxes,  
paper plates, napkins)



Plastic & Styrofoam  
Food Containers, Lids & Loose Caps



Garbage or  
Yard Debris

Thank you for your cooperation

# Yard Waste Guidelines



Yard waste will be collected by Sanitation Staff at curbside on your normal sanitation collection day during the months of April through November (weather permitting).

## City Residential Yard Waste Guidelines:

- ~Place **leaves and grass clippings** in 30 gallon biodegradable paper bags sold at grocery and retail stores
- ~There is a **50 pound limit** on each bag
- ~Do not place branches in biodegradable bags- they must be separated from leaves and grass clippings

- ~**For branches smaller than 4" diameter** - tie in bundles and set out on collection day (cannot be larger than 18" in diameter or 4' in length, do not use wire to tie)
- ~**For branches larger than 4" diameter** - chip for mulch or contact the Landfill of North Iowa for guidance

## Other Options for Yard Waste:

Leaves:

- \***compost leaves** at home
- \*take leaf bags to the **Landfill of North Iowa compost site**

Grass clippings:

- \***leave them on your yard** (reduces amount of fertilizer needed)
- \*use as **mulch**

Branches:

- \*chip for **mulch**

The Landfill of North Iowa is located at  
15942 Kildeer Avenue  
Phone number: 877-LANDFIL  
(there is a fee for this service)

# Remember 33/50

Garbage and trash containers and bags shall:  
be no more than **33 gallon size**  
weigh no more than **50 pounds**

*Oversized containers or bags, or contractor bags  
will not be collected*

Items must be set out by 7 am on your collection day.

## Recycling Program Questions

### Who picks up recyclables and where do they go?

City Sanitation staff will pick up recyclables on the specified collection day and take to the sorting facility for processing.

### Where do I put the recyclable container on collection day?

Place your items in the provided container and set out at curbside by 7 am on your specified collection day. Sanitation staff will empty the recycling container and place it back at the curb.

### Does the recycling container belong to the resident?

The recycling container belongs to the City.

### What should I do if the recycling container is lost, damaged or stolen?

Call 641-421-3691 to arrange for a replacement. There will be a cost to replace the container. If you move, leave your container for the next occupant.

### Should I separate the recycling items in the container?

No, keep them loose in the bin and be cautious to not break glass items. Place paper or other lightweight cardboard products in a paper bag to keep from blowing around on curbside. All recyclable items will be sorted at the facility.

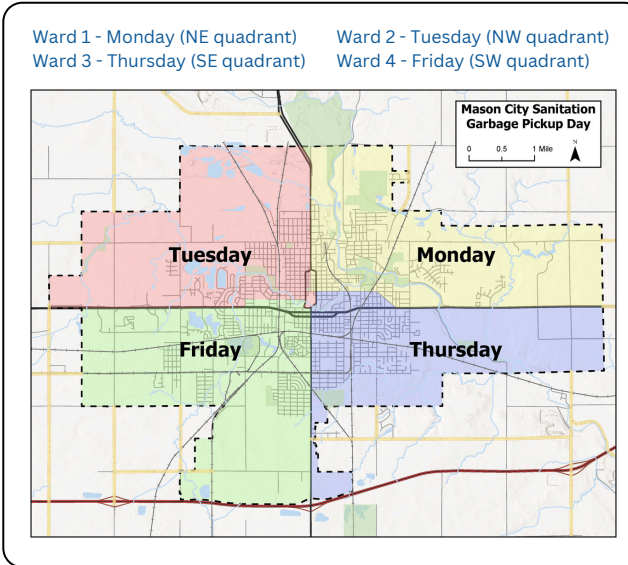
### What do I do with used household batteries?

Do not throw them away. Recycle old and used household batteries by taking them to the Fire Department at 350 5th Street SW. There is a drop box outside the south entrance.

### What if I have questions about recycling?

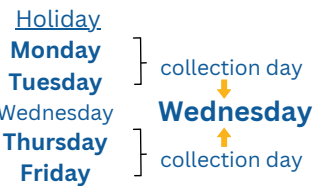
For additional information, contact the Sanitation Department at 641-421-3691.

## When is my Collection Day?



### HOLIDAY SANITATION SERVICE

If a holiday falls on your collection day, the make-up day will always be on Wednesday of the same week as the holiday.



### Large Item Pick-up

A large item is defined as those objects not normally collected on regular sanitation routes.

Large items are collected **by appointment only**-call 641-421-3691 to schedule a date for your items to be picked up. **Sanitation stickers are required** to be attached to all items.

A list of the **number of stickers required** is available on the City's website at [www.masoncity.net](http://www.masoncity.net). Sanitation staff can also advise the number of stickers needed.

**Stickers are sold** in sheets of 5 at City Hall and most grocery stores. **Write your address** on each sticker to prevent unauthorized removal.

**This pickup is for Mason City Sanitation customers only** - no businesses will be included. *The City is not responsible for lost or stolen stickers.*

**For complete details about this program, visit the city's website at [www.masoncity.net](http://www.masoncity.net).**

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*Everything  
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about residential  
sanitation services*

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