# THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE ACCEPTABLE: Please prepare material for recycling according to "Preparation for Recycling'

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### PREPARATION FOR RECYCLING

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PAPER



Newspaper

Clean, dry. To be accepted, must not be yellowed, brittle, or over 45 days old.

Magazines

Dry. No plastic wrappers.



Catalogues

Dry. No plastic wrappers.



Phone Books

Dry.



White Office Paper with black ink

No staples, carbon, or sticky notes or labels attached.



Computer Paper

White stock only. No carbon.

Green Bar Blue Bar

No carbon or sticky notes or labels attached.



Corrugated Cardboard Empty, flat, dry.





HDPE #2 Translucent Milk, water, cider jugs.

Rinsed, no caps or lids. Labels okay. Flatten if possible.



HDPE #2 Colored Bottles Rinsed, no caps or lids. No oil containers. Labels okay.



PETE #1 Clear soda bottles (Narrow Neck only) Rinsed, no caps or lids. Remove Labels.



PETE #1 Colored soda bottles (Narrow Neck only)

Rinsed, no caps or lids. Remove Labels.

**METAL** 

Steel/Tin Cans

Aluminum Cans

Rinsed out Cans only - rinsed.

**GLASS** 



Clear Brown Green

Rinsed, no lids. Labels okay. Rinsed, no lids. Labels okay. Rinsed, no lids. Labels okay.

Blue or frosted glass is not acceptable at this time.

MOTOR OIL

Motor Oil

Auto engine oils only. Must be carried to recycling center in closeable containers no larger than 5 gallons



Oil Filters

Auto engine oil filters only. Must be drained overnight. Remove

rubber seal.

**BATTERIES** 

Automobile Batteries Only (NO household batteries)

ANTIFREEZE - Mixed with water only. In original container if possible. **USED TIRES:** 

TRACTOR TIRES

BRAKE FLUID: Separated from other liquids and in orginal container.

Tips - in order to store recyclable papers, first place twine or string in your bin or box, with pieces long enough to wrap a one foot tall bundle. Bundles of this size are easy to move, stack, and store when your bin is full. Plan on making monthly trips to the recycling collection center to drop off your recyclable goods.

Please remember this is a guide to current recyclable goods accepted at the Recycling Center. At times, due to market demand and fluctuations it may become necessary to add or delete items which will be accepted at the Center.

## HAZARDOUS WASTE

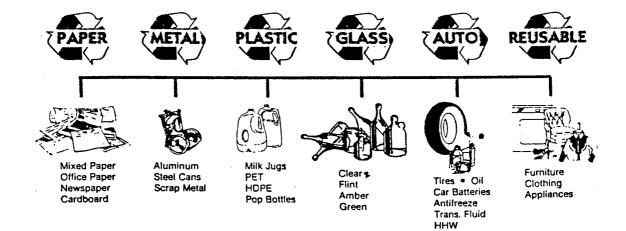
Leftover pesticides, household cleaners, paints, automotive fluids and other every day items in homes can be hazardous. Many of these products contain chemicals that are poisonous, corrosive or flammable. If emptied down the sink or into a storm drain, these products may contaminate the environment, it is harmful and illegal to empty these materials into the trash. Call the recycling center for details on disposal.

### RECYCLING PLASTICS

Plastics must be sorted for recycling since there are seven different types, each of which has distinct properties and melts at different temperatures. The type of plastic used is numbered one through seven and generally is found at the bottom of plastic containers.

TYPE OF PLASTIC		RECYCLABLE	COMMENTS	
1.	Polyethylene Terephthalate ("PET") Common uses: two-liter soda containers, cooking oil bottles, peanut butter jars	Yes	This is the most widely recycled plastic. Remove caps from the jars of jugs before recycling.	
2.	High Density Polyethylene ("HDPE") Common uses: detergent containers, milk jugs, bottled water jugs	Yes	This also is a widely recycled plastic Many grocery and drug stores hav plastic bag recycling programs Drop-off centers accept the jugs.	
3.	Polyvinyl Chloride ("PVC") Common uses: pipes, outdoor furniture, shrink wrap, water bottles, salad dressing and liquid detergent containers	No	Recycling centers seldom accept # plastic. Buy alternative iten whenever possible.	
4.	Low Density Polyethylene ("LDPE") Common uses: dry cleaning bags, produce bags, trash can liners, food storage containers	No	Some grocery stores accept LDF bags.	
5.	Polypropylene ("PP") Common uses: aerasol caps, drinking straws	No	Recycling centers rarely accept a plastic. Again, select alternative whenever possible.	
6.	Polystyrene ("styrofoam") Common uses: packaging pellets or "peanuts," plastic tableware, meat trays	No	Many packaging companies will acce polystyrene peanuts and oth packaging materials for reuse.	
7.	Other  Common uses: certain kinds of food containers and Tupperware	No	This plastic usually contains combination of several different typ of plastics. Since recycling centers when the accept #7 plastics, choosalternatives.	





# County of Jackson JACKSON COUNTY SOLID WASTE

115 West Main, Room 209-B Edna, Texas 77957

### **RECYCLING IN JACKSON COUNTY**

The Jackson County Citizen's Drop-off Recycling Center has been made possible through a grant from the Texas Natural Resources Conservation Commission administered by the Golden Crescent Regional Planning Commission.

The Recycling Center will be open from 9:00 a.m. till 5:00 p.m., Tuesday thru Saturday.

The Recycling Center provides recyclers a place to drop off their recyclable items. Please cooperate by preparing and separating your Recyclables according to the enclosed guidelines.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT RECYCLING OR RECYCLABLE ITEMS PLEASE CALL 782-2048

#### LOCATION:

The Jackson County Citizen's Drop-off Recycling Center is located at 205 CR4141 between Edna and Ganado, Texas off US Hwy 59 on County Road 414, or off State Highway 111 onto County Road 413 or 412 to 414.

YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

DON'T DUMP IT, RECYCLE IT!

WHAT IS RECYCLING: Recycling is a process by which resources are reused or remanufactured rather than being placed in the waste stream and landfills. Recycling preserves our limited supply of raw materials from which the resource is originally manufactured.

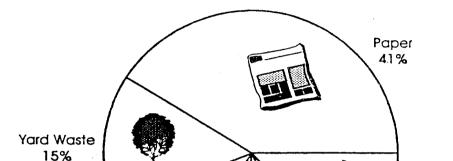
### YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

The future supply of raw material is limited. We hear every day that recycling will "save the earth". This is true but recycling will also challenge us to be less wasteful and more responsible in managing our natural resources.

What can one person do? Did you know that the average person throws away more than one ton of trash each year... and that 80% of this trash can be recycled or used again.

TEXANS DUMP ENOUGH TRASH INTO LANDFILLS TO FILL THE ASTRODOME...EVERY TWO WEEKS!!

Of course, not all items that go to the landfill are reuseable. Many are, however, and by doing a little, you can help a lot. So you see, the fate of our world does not rest on your shoulders alone -- you don't have to "save the earth" all by yourself. Just do your part. It's the right thing to do, and you really can make a difference.



**Plastic** 

8%

Misc. 13%

Glass 5%

Metal

WHAT GOES INTO THE LANDFILL?

WE'RE DOING IT FOR THE KIDS. Their environment and available resources depend directly upon what we leave for them.

Food Waste

10%

#### SO LET'S GET STARTED:

Jackson County now has the capability to recycle. There are some things that will limit our ability to recycle everything, such as the existence of a ready market or transporter. A listing of items that can be accepted for recycling are listed later in this guide. Questions should be directed to the Jackson County Solid Waste Coordinator; Walter Fleming, Phone 782-2048.

<u>INDIVIDUAL RECYCLERS</u>: Until special equipment can be obtained by Edna and Ganado City governments, individuals must still bring their recyclables to the Citizen's Drop-off Center. Package items separately for placement in separate containers at the center.

<u>SCHOOLS/LOCAL BUSINESSES (Except Waste Handlers):</u> Participation is encouraged on a "haul your own" basis. Materials must be packaged separately with no foreign material.

# DON'T FORGET THE FOUR RS OF YARDWORK!

- 1. Reduce yard trimmings with native plant landscaping
- 2. Reuse grass clippings -- don't bag it!\*
- 3. Recycle by composting your yard trimmings and leaves at home. Yard trimmings are accepted at the Solid Waste Transfer Station FREE OF CHARGE.
- 4. Rethink by buying only those lawn care chemicals that you really need. Follow application directions closely to avoid over application.

Compost: In addition to conserving landfill space, composting makes it easy to recycle yard and kitchen trimmings at home. Maintaining a compost bin allows you to improve your soil and the health of your plants.

## AUTOMOTIVE PRODUCTS

Motor oil, antifreeze, brake fluid, coolants and batteries can endanger our health and the environment if improperly disposed. Automotive products have become easier to recycle. The Recycling Center will accept the following items: (Transport liquids in non-spill containers no larger than 5 Gal.)

- Brake Fluid: Original container if possible
- Car batteries: Be careful of acid in battery.
- Anti-Freeze: Transport in original containers if possible (one gallon jugs)
- Motor oil: gets dirty with use, but once the dirt is removed, it can be used again with the same effectiveness as oil made from raw materials.
- Used Oil Filters: Drain overnight, remove rubber gasket. Used Motor Oil & Oil Filters are accepted at the recycling center OR can be dropped off at drop off centers in Edna & Ganado, Call City Hall for locations.

### Special instructions:

### RECYCLING HOUSEHOLD

### APPLIANCES

Large household appliances, or "white goods," include stoves, refrigerators, washing machines, dryers, water heaters and freezers. Before disposing of an appliance, contact a service organization such as Goodwill, Salvation Army, or other thrift store.

Some appliance dealers may purchase or pick up appliances in good condition. Under federal law, all appliances containing freon must have the freon removed before being dismantled or recycled. The freon must be vacuumed by a trained operator. It is unlawful to release freon into the atmosphere.

Appliances can be disposed of at the Solid Waste Transfer Station for a Disposal Fee

# THE FOUR Rs OF RECYCLING HOUSEHOULD WASTE

### REDUCE

Stop waste before it becomes waste. Consider the environmental impact of a product and its packaging before you buy.

- Buy in bulk whenever possible.
- Select refillable containers. If such containers are unavailable, then choose recyclable aluminum, steel, glass, tin or paper containers.
- Bring cloth bags to the store. This is an excellent alternative to plastic or paper bags.
- Rent items such as party ware and power tools that only will be used occasionally.

### REUSE

Discover ways to extend the life of products.

- Patronize and donate materials to thrift stores such as Goodwill, Helping Hands and the Salvation Army.
- Avoid disposable products such as razors, lighters, pens, plastic utensils and non-rechargeable batteries.
- Use old office paper to make notepads.
- Reupholster or donate furniture to others.
- Reuse food containers for storage.

### RECYCLE

Collect recyclable materials in order to save money, natural resources and landfill space.

- Only save those items that are accepted for recycling at your recycling center. Just because something is recyclable does not mean that it will be accepted at your center. Not all products are recyclable.
- The most common recycled plastics are soda containers and milk and water jugs.
- Recycle used motor oil. Store it in a clean, sealable container for safety.
- Support local recycling centers and industries.

### RETHINK

Remember to buy recycled products. In order to complete the recycling loop, consumers must buy recycled products.

- Look for products labeled as "recycled" on the package, and make certain that the recycled material is made of "post-consumer" waste.
- Check with the store manager if you are uncertain of the recyled content of a product.
   Encourage him or her to stock recycled products and those products with packaging made of post-consumer waste.
- Manufacturers and retailers respond to consumer preferences. As demand shifts, wasteful packaging practices will change.

Remember as much as 80% of household and business waste can be recycled. You will find a listing of the acceptable items and instructions on how to prepare each item for recycling. Please remember that these instructions are crucial to the success of the recycling program. If instructions are not followed items cannot be recycled.