



PLEASE HELP MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN CLUTE!

WHY RECYCLE?

Yes ... It's good for the environment! ... and ...
Yes ... It gives you that warm fuzzy feeling that
you are contributing.

BUT LET'S TALK MONEY!

Our goal is to increase recycling to save taxpayers money or increase the services we provide. The City does not have to pay landfill costs when delivering recyclable materials. For every ton of waste material that is converted to recyclable material, the City would save \$20 of your tax dollars. Increasing the recyclable usage from 1.7%, which is our current usage, to 15% of total waste collected, would save the City of Clute up to \$2,500 monthly, or \$30,000 annually. This in turn allows us to increase the overall services we provide to you our citizens.

Help us make a difference!

With all of our citizens working together for a better Clute, there is no telling what we can accomplish.

HOW DO I GET STARTED?

Simply complete the pledge form attached, and the next time your close to City Hall drop by and buy some discounted "Blue Bags" that are used to recycle. On the back side of this pledge form are details of just how to get going. If you have additional questions about how the program works, do not hesitate to contact us at 265-7939.

FACTS ABOUT OUR TRASH

- ★ 35% of all paper is thrown away and filling our landfills.
- ★ The average person creates about 8lbs of trash daily. Up to 70% of trash is burned in the landfill.
- ★ Almost 2 gallons of paint per person is sold every year.
- ★ Plastic is the most used material in the world, but only 5% is recycled, causing greenhouse gases.
- ★ Every day, Americans use 200 million aluminum and 100 million steel cans.
- ★ Yard trimmings take up 30% of landfills.
- ★ It takes up to 500 years for a disposable diaper to break down.

MAKE A PLEDGE TO RECYCLE.

We ask that you make a pledge to this City, your neighbors, and friends. We ask you to help YOUR city to save on landfill costs. We ask that you pledge to start a recycling program in your home or business ... TODAY!

In return for this pledge, to get recycling started in your home, the City will provide you with one (1) roll of BLUE recycling bags for the price of \$2.00, currently sold at City Hall (108 E Main Street) for the regular price of \$4.25 ... A saving of \$2.25.

For further information, please contact us at (979) 265-2541. Applies only to City of Clute Utility Customers

HELP US SPREAD THE WORD!



I PLEDGE TO RECYCLE.

Name
Address
City, State Zip Code

Signature

Date

I pledge to become an participant in the City of Clute Recycling program. I will consider the environmental and economic impact of my daily decisions and make every effort to reduce my individual footprint. I will also share my individual and family efforts with others. Furthermore, I pledge to use the recycling knowledge I gain, to improve "OUR" City in which I live, learn, and work.

Please enter your Utility Account#



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REDUCE! REUSE! RECYCLE! SAVE!

RECYCLE: Information to get started.

The City of Clute has the Blue Bag (commingled) Program for curbside recycling. Blue Bags are used to distinguish between recyclables and garbage going to the landfill.

Recyclables should be placed in Blue Bags (no larger than 30 gallons) and set at the curb for pick up on Wednesday of each week. Blue Bags are available at City Hall in rolls of 50 (13 gallon bags) for \$4.25.

All Blue Bag items can be mixed (co-mingled).

The following is a list of items that are acceptable and how to prepare them:

What can be recycled?

PLASTIC

Includes: Soda Bottles, Milk Jugs, Water and Juice Jugs, and most Laundry Bottles.

Preparation for Plastic:

Check the bottom of the container ... one of the following numbers should be on the bottom of the bottle: 1 or 2.

Caps should be removed and the bottles should be rinsed and reasonably clean before placing them in the bin.

ALUMINUM / STEEL / TIN

Includes: Aluminum Cans, Aerosol Cans, Food Containers, Foil, Tin & Steel Cans, small amounts of Scrap Metal.

Preparation for Aluminum/Steel/Tin:

Remove lids, empty, wash, crush (if desired)

WARNING: DO NOT CRUSH AEROSOL CANS.

UNSOILED PAPER

Includes: "Re-used" Grocery Bags, Newspapers with Inserts, Magazines, Phone Books, Office and copier paper, white, color, envelopes, notepads, file folders, paper bags, mail

Preparation for Unsoiled Paper

Bundled, tied, or recycled grocery bags.

STACK CARDBOARD

Includes: Corrugated Cardboard, Layered Cardboard

Preparation for Stack Cardboard:

Cardboard should be flattened.

What cannot be recycled?

NO GLASS, scrap metal, foam packaging, Styrofoam cups, plates, ready-made lunch containers.

How do you participate in Curbside Recycling?

The City of Clute provides free curbside recycling for residents. Place recyclables in the blue bags and place them curbside. Please use your blue bags only for the collection of your recyclables. **Do not place trash in the blue bags.** It is important to rinse all containers before placing them in your recycling bags. Your recyclables will be collected once a week. On the morning of your collection day, place the blue bags or bundled items curbside by **7:00 AM** in an area that is clearly visible to the driver. If your pickup date falls on a holiday, it will be skipped and pick-up will resume the next working day along with the regular daily route. **For information on service, please contact Public Works at (979) 265-7939.**

★ ★ ★ **Do not place regular trash in the blue recycle bags.** ★ ★ ★