



GET TO KNOW YOUR CITY

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SPECIAL RECYCLING ISSUE

The City of Barnesville is committed to helping residents recycle. That commitment began in 1991 with the construction of the Recycling Center. In 2008 the City of Barnesville was recognized by the League of Minnesota Cities as one of five Green Communities "Leading the Way" in efforts to encourage recycling.

Not only does recycling reduce the quantity of waste disposed of in landfills, but it also reduces our dependence on disposable products, encourages the public to view materials as "resources" rather than "waste" and helps save the earth for our children and generations to come.

In a survey conducted by one of the 2012 Leadership Barnesville teams, of those residents responding, 89% said that they recycle some of their trash.

According to our reports on recycled materials, in 2011 the City of Barnesville collected:

4,060 pounds of aluminum	71,950 pounds of cardboard
17,260 pounds of plastic	27,400 pounds of glass
64,150 pounds of newsprint	18,100 pounds of magazines

COMMONLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT BARNESVILLE'S RECYCLING PROGRAMS

Where is the City's Recycling Center located?

The address of the center is **205 Front Street North** on the west side of the street. The driveway is located just across the street from the Wells Fargo drive-thru.

What are the hours at the Recycling Center?

The Center is staffed and open year round from **12 noon to 8 pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays** and from **8 am to 12 Noon on Saturdays**.

What materials are accepted at the Center?

A wide variety of materials are accepted at the Recycling Center. A list of items which are accepted as well as a list of those items that are not accepted is included on the back of this page.

It's hard to get to the center during their limited hours. Could recycling bins be available 24/7 at the recycling center?

Currently the bins are only available during the hours we are open in order to eliminate the need to sort through the bins to remove items that we don't accept for recycling.

Is Barnesville considering offering curbside pick-up of recycling to its residents?

The City has requested that Fuchs Sanitation look into the feasibility and cost of providing curbside pick-up. Currently Clay County pays the City \$27,500 per year to support the Recycling Center. Clay County is mandated by the State of Minnesota to provide recycling services to all the residents of the County. This Recycling Center and the others like them in Hawley, Glyndon and Dilworth are how Clay County meets that mandate. This is why the Center is open to City residents and non-residents.

If the City chose to start curbside pick-up of recycling, the Recycling Center would likely remain open because that is how the County meets their State mandate with regard to out of town residents and the curbside recycling would likely come at an additional cost to residents.

CITY TO ACCEPT MORE PLASTICS, GREEN GLASS and PAPERBOARD starting JULY 1 !



MinnKota Recycling, the company that handles our recyclables has just announced that effective July 1 you can recycle even more materials! In the past only #1 and #2 plastics were accepted, now the Recycling Center will also accept items labeled at #4, #5 and #7. Paperboard, which includes pop and beer cases, shoe boxes and cereal type boxes will also be accepted. In addition, GREEN glass will also be accepted!

I would like to be able to recycle batteries. Even if there is a fee, might that be possible?

Alkaline batteries can go in the regular trash. Rechargeable batteries contain heavy metals and need to be recycled. There are FM area retailers like Batteries Plus that accept rechargeable batteries for free. See the County website for more details.

Is it true that the City gets paid for all the materials collected at the Recycling Center?

No, the City pays MinnKota to accept its recyclables but that could change if the market price for recycled material improves. However, Clay County reimburses the City for nearly all of the costs of running the Recycling Center because the State mandates that counties provide recycling to their residents.

Why don't we have bins like in Fargo rather than paying someone to staff the Center?

Currently the bins are only available during the hours we are open in order to eliminate the need to sort through the bins to remove items that we don't accept for recycling or to pay MinnKota Recycling to do that. With the amount that the County subsidizes the City for running the center, the City's annual cost to run the center is about \$10,000.

Could the City accept plastic grocery bags?

We encourage residents to bring their plastic bags to area stores who do recycle them. In Minnesota, plastic bags are not banned from the landfill, and our recycler MinnKota, does not accept them.

What other recycling resources are available?

The Clay County website has a wealth of information on recycling! Just go to www.co.clay.mn.us, click on solid waste. Included are options to recycle TV's, computers and auto batteries. The County operates a Household Hazardous Waste Facility on Hwy 10 which accepts paints & cleaning chemicals for free with proof of address.

COMING IN JULY - SPECIAL PARKS ISSUE

Submit your questions about Barnesville city parks to City Administrator Mike Rietz by **Thursday, July 12** at 354-2292 or mrietz@bvillemn.net and we'll answer them next month!



RECYCLING INFORMATION

Location: 205 Front Street North
Hours of Operation:
Tuesdays/Thursdays Noon to 8 PM
Saturdays 8 AM to Noon



ALUMINUM AND TIN CANS

Rinse, clean, and remove labels

GLASS

Clean, remove all tops; labels are okay
Green, brown and clear glass only



*TIRES

Without rims

***FOR A FEE**



*MAJOR APPLIANCES



Residential/commercial furnaces, boilers, dehumidifiers, water heaters, air conditioners, clothes washers/dryers, dishwashers, freezers, refrigerators, stoves, computer monitors, CPUs and TVs *** FOR A FEE**

YARD WASTE



The branch burn pile is located by the lagoons for you to dispose of sticks and branches. There is also a separate pile for disposing of grass and leaves. Please keep branches and leaves separate. This area is open daily for your convenience.

PLASTIC

Only #1, #2, #4, #5, and #7 plastic; # is located on the bottom; clean, remove all tops and discard



CARDBOARD/PAPERBOARD

Flatten, 3' X 3' maximum size, cut to size; corrugated cardboard; clean; non-waxed; top half of food boxes (pizza), shoe boxes, cereal boxes

FLUORESCENT Light Bulbs



NO foil, pie tins, lawn chairs, aluminum doors or any other aluminum.

NO pressurized cans, pesticide cans, car parts or other scrap iron.



NO opaque-colored bottles and jars, light bulbs, window glass, mirrors, dishes, drinking glasses, mugs, crystal, Corning/Pyrex/Visionware, TV tubes, leaded glass, chemical or medicine bottles, test tubes, candle holders or any other glass which is not a bottle or jar.

NO motor oil bottles, solvent or pesticide, Styrofoam, plastic cups, plastic bags and film, hard plastic (toys, pails, etc.), fruit packaging, syringes, nor any #3 or #6 plastics.



NO garbage, furniture, carpet, etc. at the brush pile

NEWSPAPER AND PHONE DIRECTORIES

Stack in paper grocery bags; colored inserts okay; free of food, paint, fish waste, etc.



MAGAZINES, JUNK MAIL, SCRAP PAPER

Glossy and non-glossy magazines, catalogues, school and office papers, junk mail, envelopes, cards without glitter or foil
Separate different kinds together



NO food-contaminated cardboard, i.e., milk cartons, orange juice, etc.; tin foil-coated containers, i.e. potato chips, peanuts, etc.



NO plastic bags, plastic cards, books, spiral notebooks, calendars unless the spiral is removed, facial tissue, paper plates, paper towels, fast food containers.

The City does not have a place for disposal of cement or other demolition. Dumping of such materials is illegal and subject to fines.



For more information on recycling, compost or any other hazardous waste issues, please contact City Hall at (218) 354-2292.

