

Pay As You Throw

Update

Fayetteville Solid Waste & Recycling Program

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Plastic recycling for #3 thru #7's at Drop Off.

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Recycling for #3 through #7 bottles and containers is being made available at the Recycling Drop Off located at 1420 S. Happy Hollow in southeast Fayetteville which is open 24 hours a day and 7 days a week. The service will not be available immediately through our curbside service due to the need for modifications on our recycling trucks. Inclusion in the curbside program will occur at a later date. It is extremely important to not include plastic bags into the drop off container. Plastic bags will get into the sorting equipment used at the site processing the plastic and cause mechanical failures. Please take your plastic bags back to the retail stores where you received them.

Until recently the only markets for these hard to recycle #3 through #7 plastic bottles and containers were overseas and there was great concern over what was actually happening to the plastic. The low value associated with this grade of plastic and the instability in markets has made it increasingly hard to add these plastics to the list of materials currently collected for recycling.

However, Preferred Waste Solutions is now accepting #3 through #7 plastics for a plastics to oil operation in Pryor, Oklahoma. The process to convert the plastic to oil is a patented and commercially viable technology to convert difficult to recycle waste plastic into synthetic crude oil. This new development will allow us to collect and market the plastic in addition to the existing market grades of #1 PET bottles and #2 HDPE bottles and jugs.

Plastics to be included for the #3 through #7 plastic bottles and containers include items such as yogurt cups, butter tubs, plastic cups and other similar bottles and containers. Identification for plastics can be found on the bottom of the bottles and containers identified with a number surrounded by a recycling triangle. In addition to the #3 through #7's the #1 PET containers typically used for berries that are found in grocery stores can be placed into this #3 through #7 mix. These containers melt differently than the #1 PET bottles so they cannot be recycled with the bottles.



Compost & Mulch Available

Please call 575-8398 to check if compost is available for sale as supply varies throughout the year.

Compost Facility Hours:

Tuesday & Thursday
8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

First Saturday of month
November - March
8 a.m. to 12 p.m.

First two Saturday's of month
April - October
8 a.m. to 12 p.m.

COMMERCIAL RECYCLING AVAILABLE

For more information on commercial cardboard service or curbside recycling for small businesses please call 718-7685.

APARTMENT RECYCLING IS HAPPENING

Recycling for apartments has always been a difficult task to accomplish. Issues arising from contamination, space concerns, educational components and excessive cost have been the factors that prevented curbside recycling at apartment complexes.

Now the City has begun a new program to expand recycling services to large apartment complexes over 100 units that are willing to participate. Beginning the week of October 31st, The Cliff's apartments on Crossover and North Creekside on Leverett began recycling service using a specialized container that allows for source separated recycling of the four highest valued commodities in our recycling program; aluminum cans, steel cans, and plastic #1 and #2 bottles. Recycling containers for cardboard and one for mixed paper are also part of the service for recycling.

The program works by dropping off the containers one day and allowing them to sit there for one full day before being picked up and taken to the next apartment complex. This system will lessen the contamination aspect while allowing containers to be used at multiple sites and decreasing the need for more containers. This system will be very similar to residential recycling collections as there will be one day designated each week for recycling collection at their complex.

