Recycling fast facts

✅ The average American generates 4.4 pounds of waste per day.

✅ About 1 billion pounds, or 32 billion aluminum cans, end up in landfills every year. The wasted energy could power 1.5 million homes for a year.

✅ Recycling one glass bottle saves enough energy to power a computer for 30 minutes or a TV for 20 minutes.

✅ Every day, U.S. papermakers recycle enough paper to fill a 15-mile-long train of boxcars.

✅ Steel is the most recycled material in North America. Each year, more steel is recycled than aluminum, paper, glass and plastic combined!

✅ Recycled mixed plastics create new products, such as containers and packaging, fiber and fiberfill for clothing, carpeting, car parts, plastic lumber and playground equipment and reusable kitchenware like cutting boards, utensils and food storage containers.

Top 5 Reasons To Recycle

1. Recycling conserves natural resources such as trees, water and minerals - preserving the environment for future generations.

2. Recycling reduces the need for landfills and incinerators - when materials are recycled, less waste is sent to disposal facilities.

3. Recycling prevents pollution and reduces greenhouse gas emissions caused by the extracting and processing of raw materials.

4. Recycling saves energy by eliminating the need to extract and process raw materials.

5. Recycling helps create new jobs in the United States for both the recycling industry and manufacturing.

Household Hazardous Waste

The City of Kalamazoo participates in the Kalamazoo County Household Hazardous Waste Program. This is a free service provided through the Kalamazoo County Human Services Department. For more information, including location, hours of operation and accepted materials, call the Kalamazoo County Household Hazardous Waste Program Information Hotline at 269-373-5211 or visit www.kalcounty.com/hhw.

Drop-Off Recycling

Kalamazoo residents may utilize the Republic Services drop-off recycling facility for no additional cost. All items included in the Curbside Recycling Program are accepted at the drop-off facility located at 3432 Gembrit Circle, Kalamazoo.

City of Kalamazoo

Republic Services
Customer Service Center 888-249-5112 or City of Kalamazoo Recycling Hotline 269-337-8215 or visit www.kalamazoocity.org/recycle

415 E Stockbridge Avenue
Kalamazoo MI 49001
Pick up procedures

The City of Kalamazoo is committed to the conservation of natural resources and minimizing the strain on the planet. Through a voter-approved millage, the Curbside Recycling Program provides for the collection of recyclable materials at the curbside. The SINGLE-STREAM RECYCLING PROGRAM allows residents to mix all acceptable recyclables in one container - no sorting! Keep this brochure handy for easy reference when preparing materials.

Holiday Schedule

Collection will not be made on the following holidays:

• New Years Day
• Memorial Day
• July 4th
• Labor Day
• Thanksgiving
• Christmas

When your pick up day occurs during the week of a holiday, collection will take place one day later.

Your Recycling Container

Your recycling container is for use only in the Curbside Recycling Program. If you move, please leave the container at your address for the next resident. Pursuant to City Ordinance, misuse of the container is prohibited. Additional containers may be rented directly from Republic Services. Contact Republic Services at 888-249-5112 for more information.

Recyclables

These items can be recycled in one container with All-in-One Recycling™

Paper

• Paper (staples okay)
• Newspaper
• Envelopes
• Junk mail
• Phone books
• Brochures
• Magazines

Cardboard

• Ream wrappers
• File folders
• Poster board
• Frozen food boxes
• Cardboard boxes

Plastic

• #1-5 & #7
• Water bottles
• Take-out containers
• Soda bottles
• Bagged film plastics

Glass

• Bottles (clear, green & brown)
• Jars

Metal

• Aluminum beverage cans
• Food cans

Unacceptable Recyclables

Aerosol cans
• Pizza boxes with food waste
Electronics (computers, TVs, stereos, cell phones, etc.)
• Plastic grocery bags or plastic wrap
Batteries
• Scrap metal
Hazardous liquids or materials
• Soiled food containers
Light bulbs
• Styrofoam cups, packing materials, egg cartons, etc.
Milk cartons
• Wax-coated cardboard
Microwave food containers
(typically used to pack and transport produce or meat)
Motor oil / motor oil containers
• Window glass
Paint / paint cans
• Wire hangers

Bi-Weekly Collection Schedule

The map below identifies the day of the week each area of the city is scheduled for collection. Collection occurs every other week. Please refer to the Republic Services calendar for your specific collection dates. Wheel your container to the street by 6 a.m. on your collection day.