

Hutchinson Curbside Recycling (www.hutchgov.com under “I Want To...Get Started Recycling”)

- Recyclables should be put in blue or clear bags...the plastic ones you get when purchasing items at discount stores are perfect!
- You only have to separate things into 2 “piles”:
 1. Glass, aluminum, tin and plastic in one sack.
 2. Cardboard and paper (newspaper, junk mail, magazines, phone books, catalogs, cereal boxes, etc.) in the other!
- They won’t take Styrofoam, batteries, hazardous chemical containers, plastic bags or paint cans

Other things you can do in Hutch

- Plastic sacks? There is a drop box right inside each entrance at any Wal-Mart store for recycling them! And no, they won’t limit you to Wal-Mart sacks only...any store you get a sack from they’ll recycle!
- Another use for old plastic sacks...Dillon’s stores will **take off 5 cents** from your grocery bill **for each sack** you bring in and use again for that trip’s purchases!
- Recycle your old cell phones by taking them to the Open Door Pregnancy Care Center at 24 W. 4th Street. Not only will you be recycling, but you’ll be contributing to a good cause.
- Take empty printer cartridges to Office Max and they’ll even **credit \$3** towards a purchase that day!
- Tired of junk mail? Contact Direct Marketing Association’s Mail Preference Service, www.dmaconsumers.org or JunkBusters, www.junkbusters.com; to avoid receiving unsolicited mail.
- The Reno County Landfill has a compost pile for your leaves, grass clippings and trimmings. Dillon Nature Center also has a compost for your leaves which they grind and use as mulch for their flower beds.

Kansas Fun Facts

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- Stutzman Recycling in Hutchinson takes window and bottle glass and grinds it into various products including feed stock for a fiberglass insulation plant in McPherson.
- Tons of cardboard and paper is sent to Tamko Roofing in Phillipsburg to help make roofing products.
- Tons of junk mail, paper, and cardboard are sent to Sonoco in Hutchinson for numerous packaging products. This plant is one of the few in the world that makes specialty cardboard tubes for Pillsbury’s bread products.
- Every year, each Kansan produces an average of more than $\frac{3}{4}$ of a ton of trash and recycles about 20% of this waste.

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- Each gallon of gas your car burns creates 20 lbs. of carbon dioxide.
- 500 years from now, the foam coffee cup you used this morning will be sitting in a landfill—it is un-recyclable!

- Each year Americans throw away 25,000,000,000 Styrofoam cups.
- The typical U.S. office worker uses about 10,000 sheets of copy paper each year.
- In the U.S., more than 100 million cell phones are taken out of service each year.
- Recycling each ton of paper saves 60 lbs. of air pollution, 17 trees and 7,000 gallons of water.
- Recycled aluminum uses 95% less energy than aluminum made from virgin sources.
- Recycling a ton of plastic bottles saves 7.4 cubic yards of landfill space.
- Recycling creates ten times as many jobs as landfilling.
- If we recycled all of the newspapers printed in the U.S. on a typical Sunday, we would save 550,000 trees—or about 26 million trees per year.
- Recycling one aluminum can saves enough energy to operate a TV for 3 hours.
- In America, 1,500 aluminum cans are recycled every second.
- Americans throw away enough aluminum every 3 months to rebuild our entire commercial air fleet.
- On average, it takes 70% less energy to recycle plastic than it does to make it from raw materials.
- The U.S. plastics recycling industry employs more than 53,000 persons.
- Glass never wears out—it can be recycled forever.