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Dear Wapakoneta Citizens,

Our curbside recycling program has enjoyed more than a quarter century of success, thanks to conscientious residents and equally conscientious and hardworking City employees. The Waste Minimization Committee, which was revived in 2018 after some years' hiatus, is working hard to ensure that we recycle, reduce, and reuse as much as possible, which benefits the environment and your budget! Here are the curbside recycling guidelines!

General Guidelines

Rinse

Remove Caps

Don't place items in plastic bags

ALUMINUM

cans, pie plates, foil, etc.

STEEL

(tin) food containers

You can leave the lids attached!

#1 and #2 PLASTIC

Check the container for the recycling logo

AND the number 1 or 2!

(No polystyrene-such as take home food containers, no styrofoam packing materials—and no plastic bags!)

GLASS

food containers

Clear, green, & brown glass

(No glass cooking ware, and

no window or car glass)

MIXED PAPER/PAPERBOARD

such as newspapers, magazines,

junk mail, food boxes/cartons,

paper towel & bathroom tissue rolls, etc.

Place in paper grocery bags.

CORRUGATED CARDBOARD

such as shipping cartons & clean pizza boxes

flatten and separate from mixed paper

Please remove plastic bags and styrofoam packing materials from your cardboard boxes for recycling as well.



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Don't forget - if a holiday cancels the recycling/refuse route for your collection day, you will need to hold the recycling for a week. You can also visit our 24/7 drop-off at the Public works building on North Street.

We also encourage our citizens to pre-cycle, that is, shop with recycling and waste reduction in mind! Here are a few ideas:

- Buy products with the least amount of packaging
- Buy products in recycled packaging
- Buy products that can be recycled
- Buy in bulk
- Encourage your favorite restaurant to use recyclable to-go containers
- Don't buy disposable items when a reusable version is available

With a little bit of planning, Wapakoneta residents can enjoy a new year that reflects our respect for the environment and our desire to use resources wisely.



Snow Emergency Route Plan Details

In November 2014, the Wapakoneta City Council approved legislation creating regulations for parking after a snowfall of three (3) inches or greater. This may apply to a single snowfall, or a total accumulation in excess of three inches.

The Mayor or the Director of Public Service and Safety shall determine when a snow event meets the described criteria. At such point the city may spread word of the declaration through various media outlets such as television, radio, and social media. This should occur within twenty-four (24) hours of the snow event.

The city may prohibit parking on designated streets for a period of up to twelve (12) hours to allow for the safer and more complete cleaning of snow from the streets. The city may lift the parking prohibition if the need for it ceases before the twelve-hour window expires.



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