

Where and what to recycle

Don't feel overwhelmed at the # of things we will be listing, just focus on finding one or a few that you can incorporate into your lifestyle. Every step forward does make a difference.

- Recycle plastic grocery bags, dry cleaning bags, product overwrap, bread bags, etc. at participating grocery stores. Albertsons recycles many plastic bags or plastic coverings. For more information check Albertson's website.
<https://www.albertsoncompanies.com/our-values/planet/plastics-and-packaging.html>
- Recycle clean packing materials at a local UPS store.
- Recycle medication (including over-the-counter) and vitamin containers. One option is to mail clean containers to Matthew25 Ministries. They reuse them, send many to other countries to dispense medicine. If they cannot be reused, they recycle them. For more detailed instructions and the shipping address go to
<https://m25m.org/pillbottles/>
- Recycle with Republic (either pickup bin at home or dropoff at facility on Broadway in Missoula). In general you can recycle
 - Plastic containers #1-7 (bin) #1-2 translucent only (dropoff). Please note that medication containers are usually #2 (opaque) or #5 and can also be placed in Republic home recycling bins but NOT in their dropoff bins. If you take items to their dropoff location, you have to sort it and place in the correct bins.
 - Paper. Most is OK. A few notes/exceptions:
 - Nothing with a wax coating
 - Greeting/Christmas cards are OK if there is nothing like glitter on them.
 - No stickers. The adhesive is a problem. You can tear out the stickers.
 - Shredded paper is accepted if it is in a paper bag that is folded shut. Do not put loose shredded paper in the bin.
 - Newspaper
 - Magazines
 - Cardboard (includes corrugated, cereal boxes, cracker boxes, cardboard beverage 6-pack containers) and similar items.
 - Tin and aluminum cans (clean)
- Recycle at Pacific Steel (dropoff only). List of acceptable items is similar to Republic but they no longer accept plastics of any kind. A few notes/exceptions:
 - Clean, flat aluminum foil is accepted. Take it to the manned station.
 - Clean scrap metal. Same as above.
 - Phone books are accepted.
 - Magazines ARE NOT accepted.
- Aluminum cans. In addition to Republic and Pacific Steel, you can recycle these to benefit Animeals. There are bins at:
 - Animeals (1700 Rankin Street in Missoula, off West Broadway).
 - The Trough on Clements Street in Missoula.
 - Albertsons
 - Target
 - Walmart

- Recycle glass.
 - Holy Spirit is providing two bins for parishioners to recycle glass. They are locked and located behind the church. To sign up to receive the lock combination, contact Judy Parock (office@holyspiritmissoula.org) in the church office.
 - Recycling Works. All proceeds are donated to local charities. Very recently they made significant donations to several local schools. Glass must be clean and dry. They have periodic glass dropoffs at local locations such as Imagination Brewery but also provide bins for a reasonable monthly fee. Pickup is once/month. Call 406-215-4650 to arrange pickup.
- Volunteer to be a local drop-off for products that can be shipped to TerraCycle. www.terracycle.com
- Recycle denim. There are places you can send denim to. Levi's stores will give you 20% off your next item purchased for each pair of Levi's you bring in for recycling. <https://bluejeansgogreen.org/recycle-denim/>
- Recycle electronic cables at Best Buy. They have a box just inside the store.
- Recycle electronic equipment, music, movies, ink & toner and more at Best Buy. Much is recycled free but there may be a small charge for some items. Note: Check with your local store as there may be limitations on this due to the pandemic.
- Printer ink and toner can be recycled at Staples.
- Recycle lightbulbs containing mercury at Ace Hardware.
- Batteries for tools can be recycled at Home Depot in Missoula. There is a container near the Customer Service Desk.
- Recycling includes repurposing or donating items for reuse. Goodwill, Home Resource, Secret Seconds and other Thrift shops accept clothing, books, and a variety of household goods.

Research recycling opportunities where you live. Be respectful of guidelines and only place listed items in recycling containers at Republic, Pacific Steel, or your local recycling facility. If in doubt, call but do not recycle unless you know they will accept it.