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FREQUENTLY ASKED RECYCLING QUESTIONS:

Why is recycling so important?

- We can protect the quality of Nebraska's environment our air, land, and water resources, and support our local economy by recycling, and "Recycling Right!"
- Sending clean, recyclable material to CCR helps to sustain a regional recycling program that serves 16 communities and more than 10,000 residents.
- Recycling also reduces taxpayer spending on landfill costs. Landfills are expensive to site, maintain, and to monitor for decades after they are full.

How do I find the nearest drop-off site?

There are 16 recycling drop-off sites in Custer County and surrounding areas. Find the one nearest you at www.KeepLoupBasinBeautiful.org/recycling/area-recycle-information or by calling CCR at (308) 870-0313. Drop-off at the Custer County Recycling Center is open to the public Monday – Saturday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and is located in Broken Bow at 79849 Hwy 2.

How do I know what plastics to recycle?

All plastic containers are labeled with a code inside of a recycling symbol triangle, usually stamped on the bottom of a container. These numbers are a code for the type of plastic it is made from, and DO NOT necessarily mean it is recyclable. At CCR and area recycling trailers, we ONLY recycle plastic bottles with the #1 or #2 symbol.



Why can't all plastics be recycled?

Plastics #1 (PETE) and #2 (HDPE) are the most common types of plastic containers and the most easily recyclable. Right now, it isn't possible to sort, process, and sell all different kinds of plastics (there are seven!) because local markets that make them into new products do not exist and it's too expensive to ship plastics to factories that can.

When in doubt, throw it out. Perfectly good recyclable material can end up in the landfill if too much food residue, trash, and non-recyclables (like plastic bags or other plastics) contaminate the mix. This can be costly for CCR, and makes it hard to operate an efficient recycling program.

What materials are the most important to keep out of our recycling bins?

Refer to the front of this handout to see materials that are recyclable at CCR drop-off sites. If something isn't listed, it should be kept out of the recycling bins. Common contaminants that can ruin our recycling loads include:



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