

Day-to-day Recycling

How to recycle in Evergreen and adjacent communities



EAS+Y CAN HELP WITH ANSWERS

Evergreen's Alliance for Sustainability is dedicated to fostering whole systems thinking in our community. With your help it's EAS+Y.

Please join us on the second Thursday of the month from 8:00 to 9:30 a.m. for open forums to discuss sustainability concerns, and to exchange updates and knowledge.

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1802 Bergen Parkway

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Since EAS+Y's founding in late 2009 it has:

- catapulted goals of Zero Waste at public events
- partnered with Evergreen Recreation and Parks District for communal recycling standards
- won unanimous EPRD Board approval for Buchanan Community Gardens to be managed by EAS+Y
- launched a campaign for voluntary reduction of single-use plastic bags
- diverted hundreds of holiday trees from the landfill with free mulching of Christmas trees
- increased energy efficiency in homes and businesses.
- hosted speakers, movie screenings, panel discussions and exchange of information to catalyze conversation at monthly EAS+Y meetings

Recycling can be simple!

Use this guide to keep recycling streams clean and make your recycling efforts count.

This guide will be updated periodically as recycling requirements change.

Thanks for your environmental awareness to re-use materials, conserve resources, eliminate waste, save energy and be environmentally responsible.

IMPORTANT TO KNOW

NO PLASTIC BAGS IN RECYCLING BINS

Do not put your recyclables into plastic bags. They bind up sorting equipment and have to be manually removed. Plastic bags end up in the landfill if included with recyclables.

Plastic bags are not collected by waste haulers or most drop-off centers. Clean plastic bags can be recycled at King Soopers, Safeways, WalMarts, and various other stores.

MOST STYROFOAM IS NOT RECYCLABLE

Our haulers and recycling centers do not recycle styrofoam. Egg cartons and food containers may look like plastic but to test the substance see the mark a thumbnail leaves in foam, but not in plastic. See website below to see how to recycle foam blocks or sheets.

TYVEK CANNOT BE RECYCLED LOCALLY

Tyvek (doesn't rip like paper) envelopes, banners, signs, etc. can be recycled by returning them to their manufacturers, postage-paid. See website below

SHREDDED PAPER

Shredded paper clogs sorting machinery. It is best to have large quantities of paper shredded by a company that specializes in it. Check for them at public recycling events.

HAZARDOUS WASTE

All hazardous waste should be disposed of properly. Contact Rooney Road Recycling Center to find out about things like solvents, mercury, motor oil, pesticides, etc. 303-316-6262.

To recycle such hard-to-recycle items, consult "Where to Recycle other Stuff" on EAS+Y's website: <http://evergreeneasy.org/>

RECYCLE ITEMS

Curbside recycling service and single stream centers accept all the following materials co-mingled in the same bin. ALL CONTAINERS AND MATERIALS IN THE RECYCLE BIN SHOULD BE EMPTY AND WELL-RINSED.

PAPER-If it's paper you can tear it

Newspaper, inserts, magazines, junk mail
Office paper
Phone books
Milk and juice cartons
Cardboard, corrugated and other (chipboard)
Paper bags

GLASS

Bottles and jars, all colors (no mirrors, window glass, light bulbs, candle holders, pottery, crystal, pyrex, soil or rock-covered)

METAL

Aluminum and steel cans
Metal lids
Aluminum foil, cookware
Pie tins
Aerosol cans if empty

PLASTIC

Containers with a #1-7 inside the chasing arrows logo

Examples are ketchup bottles, peanut butter jars, yogurt butter tubs, and some take out containers that are not foam.
Plastic lids

LANDFILL ITEMS

Plastic cutlery
Plastic six-pack ring holders
Styrofoam (Polystyrene)
Single-use food-soiled dishes
Containers that held motor oil

IF IN DOUBT, THROW IT OUT
It is better to put objects you're not sure about into the trash than to have a whole load of recyclables sent to the landfill because of contamination.

Recycling guidelines change as Industry advances re-capture and re-use techniques. The above is a list of items generally accepted by our area's haulers. There may, however, be some items, such as clear plastic clamshell containers, that are not recycled by all companies. If you are unsure about an item it is best to contact your waste hauler by phone or website.