

# Recycle Smart

It is important

to remember "It's not just trash anymore." Like every other raw material, your recyclables have to meet manufacturers' quality standards. While you can make glass from glass and newspaper from newspaper, you can't make anything from garbage. Incorrectly prepared materials aren't recyclable; they go to the landfill.

**Please place recyclables loose in the collection bins. Do not leave in sacks or other containers.**

**The City of Ellis Recycling Center does NOT take household hazardous materials.**

*(Example: motor oil, paints, pesticides, cleaners, etc.)*

**For disposal of those type of materials, call the ELLIS COUNTY HOUSEHOLD PROGRAM at (785) 625-9460.**

**Did you know?**

Please **REMOVE** all caps from plastic and glass bottles, milk jugs, and any other similar containers.

**Thank You!**

## Hours:

**Mon • Tue • Thur • Fri  
8:30 am-11:30 am**

**Wed 3-7 pm**

**1st & 3rd Saturday each Month  
8:30 am-11:30 am**

The Recycling Center is sponsored by the City of Ellis.

This center has been made possible by grant funds received from the Solid Waste Tonnage Fee Fund from the Kansas Department of Health & Environment.

If you have any questions or comments, contact the following:

**Public Works Department**

**(785) 726-4741**

or

**City Clerk's Office**

**(785) 726-4812**

*Any and all proceeds from recycled products are the property of the City of Ellis. Proceeds will be used to offset operation of the recycling center.*

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# City of Ellis Recycling Center

**900 East 8th**  
East of the Campground & Next to Sewer Plant

The following guidelines are general rules to follow when using the City of Ellis Recycling Center.



### ALUMINUM CANS

Empty the cans. RINSE clean.  
**DO NOT** flatten cans.

Aluminum foil and pie tins are **NOT** accepted.



### STEEL (TIN) CANS

Empty the cans. RINSE clean.



### PLASTIC

EMPTY & RINSE clean.  
Flatten containers, if desired.

#### ***SORT containers into three categories.***

*Check for recycle code (#1 or #2) on the bottom of the container.*

**#1 CLEAR** includes all plastic you can see through.  
(Example: water and soda bottles)

**#2 NATURAL** includes all plastic that is "cloudy".  
(Example: milk jugs)

**#2 COLORED** includes all product containers that are opaque.  
(Example: laundry detergent, shampoo bottles).

**Labels DO NOT need to be removed.**

Plastic bags (like bread bags, carry out bags, dry cleaning bags, frozen food bags, etc.) and plastic packing (like bubble packing) and Styrofoam are **NOT** accepted at our site.



### SHEET PAPER

Includes "ordinary" paper  
(Example: letters, junk mail and computer paper).

Please remove non-paper items from junk mail.  
Must be clean and dry.

Dark or neon-colored papers and construction paper are **NOT** accepted.



### GLASS JARS and BOTTLES

**REMOVE** lids or caps\*. RINSE clean.  
(\*Metal lids and caps are recyclable, remove and place in the appropriate bin.)

Labels **DO NOT** need to be removed.

DO NOT break the glass to save space.

Ceramic, bakeware, drinking glasses, light bulbs, window glass or mirrors are **NOT** accepted at our site.



### NEWSPAPERS

Must be clean & dry. Inserts are acceptable.



### CATALOGS and MAGAZINES

Includes all "slick" paper. Must be clean & dry.  
**REMOVE** all plastic wrap.



### CORRUGATED CARDBOARD

(Example: Shipment boxes and brown paper bags)

**BREAK DOWN** boxes and flatten.

Pizza Boxes are **NOT** accepted.



### BATTERIES

ONLY Rechargeable batteries are accepted.

Leaking batteries are **NOT** accepted at our site.



### MIXED PAPER & NON-CORRUGATED CARDBOARD

(Example: cereal, cake mix, egg cartons, beverage cartons)

**REMOVE** any liners. Discard all wax paper.

**BREAK DOWN** boxes and flatten.

Must be clean and dry.



### BOOKS

Telephone, paperback, and hard cover books are all accepted.  
Must be clean & dry. **REMOVE** all plastic wrap.

# Recycling by the Numbers

The following is an eye-opener as to how much trash the City of Ellis Recycling Center saved from going to the landfill in 2021.



7,580 lbs. of newspapers and plastics



8,730 lbs. of glass



23,000 lbs. of paper



750 lbs. of aluminum



2,090 lbs. of tin



47,500 lbs. of cardboard

The City of Ellis encourages all citizens to take advantage of the local recycling center. Recycling is an easy way to reduce your need for additional trash carts and recycling costs the customer nothing! The information to the left contains valuable information about the type of products our recycling center accepts.

