



Recycling Tips

Reducing waste is one way to make a difference in our homes and communities to help the environment. While it may seem that recycling is the best way, it is actually only part of the best methods to do our best to help the environment. Reduce and reuse should be first on our list and then recycle what we can't reduce or reuse.

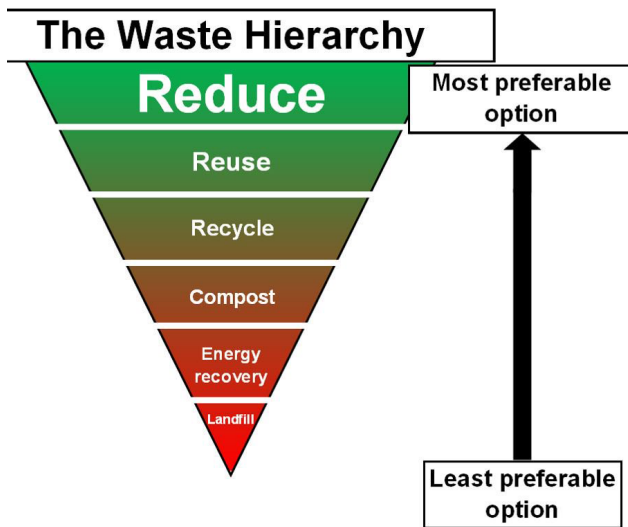


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Tips for Spring/Fall Clean Up or Moving Day

- 1. Plan ahead.** Residents who participate in their own clean-up day or with their city/county are encouraged to plan ahead.
- 2. Plan your load.** The items that need to be first off a load should be the last items on your truck or trailer.
- 3. Call ahead to double check what time the business is open and what they do take.** There are many places that have what they do and don't take on their websites.
- 4. Make sure your things are clean.** Businesses that accept items that are no longer wanted can reject your items if they are not meeting their standards for care.
- 5. Resell or donate locally.** Some examples are:
 - Facebook Marketplace
 - HyVee Trader
 - Garage sales
 - Thrift or consignment stores

Tips for Home

- Residents' purchasing power can be used to help the environment by purchasing items that will last longer. Residents may need to save up for that higher quality item but keep in mind that if an item lasts longer it will not only save money but also use less natural resources to make more of the same item.
- Look in your trash for items you can recycle. Once you feel comfortable about recycling, look into your recycling containers to see what you can reduce. Remember, if there are less items being recycled and if they are of a high quality, the price for these marketable items goes up.
- Reusing is becoming fashionable again. Residents are encouraged to do what they can to reuse items or to take them to one of our many places such as thrift stores where others may be able to reuse an item a resident no longer wants or needs.



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