



UNACCEPTABLE

- No **STYROFOAM OF ANY KIND**
- No **Plastic lids, rings, or caps**
- No **PLASTIC BAGS** (grocery store bags)
- No used paper food products – plates, cups, etc.
- No paper towels, napkins, or tissue paper
- No metal spiral or plastic ring bindings
- No window glass, dishes, mirrors, bulbs
- No candy wrappers or chip bags
- No wax paper or waxy anything
- No plastic transparencies or photographs
- No brightly colored (fluorescent) paper
- No paper ream wrappers (most have a plastic coating)
- No **Tyvek** (reinforced-fiber)
- No padded brown envelopes w/ string closure
- No dark-colored hanging files
- No carbon paper (carbonless is OK)
- No plastic food wrappers or packaging
- No gift wrap or ribbons
- No packing peanuts
- No cloth



ACCEPTABLE

- Plastics #1-#7, discard lids & caps
- Glass – all colors, jars & bottles only
- Aluminum cans, tin cans, jar lids, & foil products only
- Corrugated Cardboard –empty/flattened
- Cereal box type cardboard (remove inner packaging) – empty/flattened
- Pizza Boxes – **Clean and empty**
- Soft drink or beer cartons – empty/flattened
- White boxboard or card stock
- Newspapers and inserts
- Magazines and Catalogs
- Paper bags and other brown paper-empty
- Gray paperboard, boxboard, egg cartons
- Office paper
- Junk mail
- Envelopes (labels and windows OK)
- Telephone books
- Packing Paper (NO tissue)
- Soft cover computer manuals
- Dark colored accordion files
- Manila file folders
- Paperback books
- Hard cover books
- Shredded paper stapled shut in paper bag



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CCRI History

- 1988-1990 and 1993:** Grassroots groups initiated recycling trials at the former Houghton County transfer station.
- 1996:** Citizen's Committee initiated monthly curbside recycling in Hancock. Participation was >20% of households.
- 2003:** Waste Management established a recycling drop-off center in Houghton.
- 2014:** Houghton County Planning Commission invited Elisa Seltzer, Emmet Co. Dir. of Recycling to speak. People in attendance were motivated to form a Task Force, apply for the new MDEQ grants, and formally establish the CCRI.
- 2015:** CCRI received a \$92,000 MDEQ grant (one of the two largest in the state) to recycle cardboard at the County Transfer Station and to provide a recycling education program.
- 2016:** Cardboard (only) recycling centers were completed at the Houghton County Transfer Station, and the Chassell Township DPW. "Cardboard Launch" celebration was held at Portage Lake District Library.
- 2016 fall:** The cities of Hancock and Houghton worked together to establish city-wide, weekly curbside recycling contracts w/ Waste Management.
- 2017:** "Recycling 1-Year Anniversary" Celebration at the Portage Lake District Library.

