SWIFT COUNTY RECYCLES

RECYCLE/ COMPOST TODAY FOR A CLEANER TOMORROW

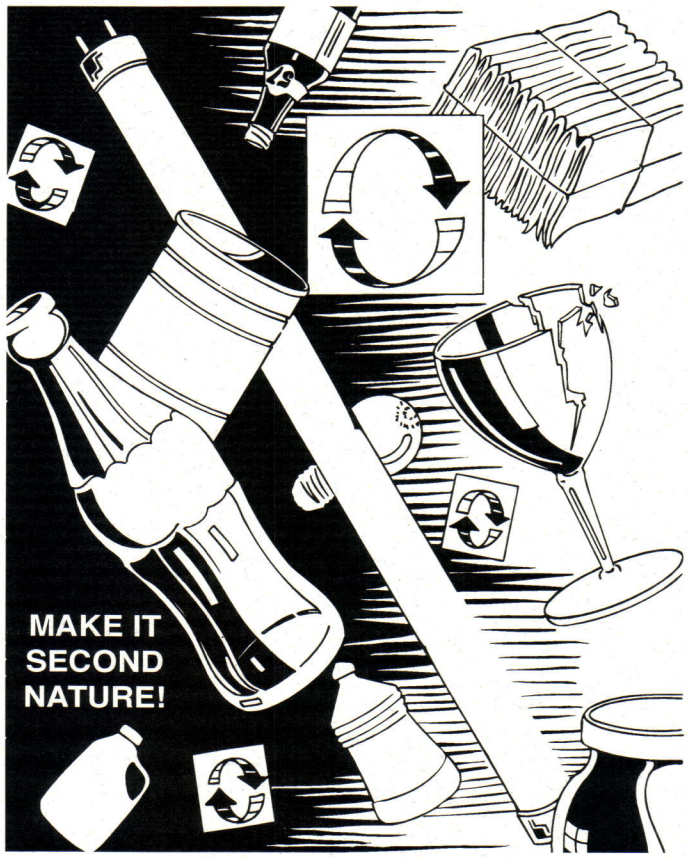
Waste Education for Country

Recycling, waste reduction, composting and household hazardous waste management have become important issues in managing our garbage. As landfills become increasingly expensive to construct and operate and as land in which to bury garbage becomes scarcer, it is more and more important to keep recyclables and compostables out of the landfills. In addition, recycling helps save energy and natural resources such as trees, water and ore.

In 1990, Benson's landfill closed and has been replaced by the Swift County Recycle/ Compost Center. Swift County has a manditory garbage separation program for all county residents. This program began on May 15, 1990.

To help county residents do a better job of separating their garbage into the three required categories, • Recyclable • Compostable • Non-processible, this pamphlet has been created by a Swift County Solid Waste Education Task Force. The Swift County Solid Waste Education Task Force hopes that you and your family will use this pamphlet to separate your garbage today - for a **CLEANER TOMORROW.**

Reduce, Re-use, Recycle!



County Solid Waste Ordinance

Swift County Solid Waste Ordinance will call for a few changes. The changes could affect the way you prepare your recyclables and garbage.

Following are highlights of the ordinance that will cause change for you, your family or business:

1. All garbage must be separated into three catagories - Recyclables, Compostables and Non-processibles. These catagories should be separated into the following containers:

RECYCLABLES - Shall be placed in the blue or green container provided by the county for a fee for single households. All other persons and businesses shall place recyclables in a box or adequate container clearly marked **RECYCLABLES.**

COMPOSTABLES - Shall be placed loose in an adequate container such as a box or can. If a plastic bag is used for compostables before being placed in a container the bag should be CLEAR and shall remain open and untied to allow the contents to be easily removed for composting.

NON-PROCESSIBLES - Shall be placed in CLEAR BAGS. The bag shall be securely tied or closed to prevent the contents from mixing with compostables upon collection. Items too large for bag that are easily identified as a non-processable need not be placed in a bag, but near it to be collected.

*** CLEAR BAGS** can be purchased at most grocery retail stores in Swift County.

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2. Permits and licenses for solid waste facilities. Swift County prohibits land in the county to be used as solid waste disposal, recycling, composting, waste tire processing or collection, or demolition facility without first applying for and receiving a license from Swift County and a permit from the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency. Backyard compost sites are exempt from licensing.

3. Commercial solid waste haulers must apply for and receive a license from the county board before collecting or transporting solid waste within Swift County. Each licence must be renewed yearly, and the license is not transferable. If solid waste is not properly separated upon delivery to the Swift County Recycle/Compost Center, the hauler will be required to either remove the improperly separated waste to another licensed facility or pay the regular tipping fee plus additional 100% there of as a penalty.

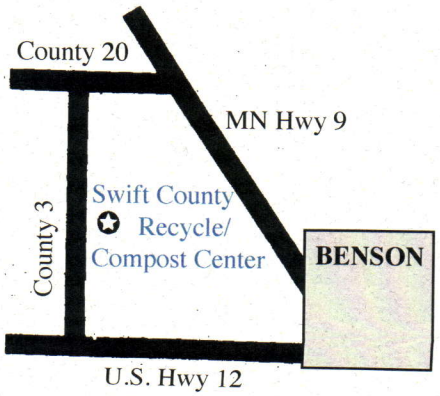
To avoid a penalty, the commercial hauler may choose to leave improperly separated garbage at the place of business or resident's home.

The whole intent of this ordinance is to BETTER MANAGE our garbage in Swift County. If EVERYONE does the BEST OF THEIR ABILITY, that is all the county board expects.

ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CALL:

Swift County Environmental Services
320-843-2356

Swift County Environmental Services
P.O. Box 288
1000 Industry Drive
Benson, MN 56215



GARBAGE CLASSIFICATION CHART

Post this CENTER FOLD near your garbage collection center in your home. You can easily set up a recycling/ compost center in your home with very little money, effort and space. Use cardboard boxes, paper bags, stackable trays or any reusable container to separate and collect your materials. **Be sure to involve the whole family!**

RECYCLABLES

(Place in County provided container or adequate container marked RECYCLABLES)

GLASS

Acceptable

Glass food and beverage containers are recyclable. Rinse containers, remove metal and plastic caps. Labels do not have to be removed.

Soda Bottles

Juice Containers

Wine & Liquor Bottles

Ketchup Bottles

Food Containers

Not Acceptable

The following materials are not recyclable. Put these items in the Non-Processible container.

Ceramic Beer & Wine Cups

Ceramic Cups & Dishes

Clay Flower Pots Light Bulbs

Crystal Drinking Glasses

Mirror & Window Glass

Heat Resistant Ovenware

METALS

Acceptable

Tin and aluminum containers, pie tins, foil and TV trays are recyclable. Tins and remove tin can lids, dispose of separately in Recyclables. Remove tin can paper labels and dispose of in Compostables.

Tin Food Cans Tin Can Lids

Aluminum Beverage Containers

Aluminum Foil

TV Trays Metal Caps

Not Acceptable

The following materials are not recyclable. Put these items in the Non-Processibles container.

Scrap Wire & Metals (hangers, engine parts, etc.)

Broken Metal Toys

Foil Paper (cream cheese wrap)

Aerosol Spray Cans

PAPER

Acceptable

Some papers are recyclable. Separate newspaper, cardboard, paper and envelopes. Remove gloss paper from newspapers. Bundle, tie or bag newspaper, office paper and cardboard separately.

Newspaper
Computer Paper
Corrugated Cardboard Boxes
Adding Machine Tape

Office Paper (white or color), Letterhead, Copy Paper, Notebook Paper, Tablet Paper
Phone Books
Envelopes Without Windows

Not Acceptable

The following materials are not recyclable. Put these items in the Compostable container. (Hard covers on books must be torn off and disposed of in Non-Processibles.

Wet or Soiled Newspaper
Used Tissues
Glossy Paper (advertising tabs)
Magazines & Catalogs
Envelopes with Windows
Text Books
Carbon Paper Manila Folders
Post-it Notes Fax Paper
Blue Prints Construction Paper
Place Mats Pop Boxes
Junk Mail Brown Envelopes

PLASTIC

Acceptable

Some plastics are recyclable. Containers with a neck and some wide mouth, with the environmental symbols 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 7, are acceptable. Labels can be left on. Rinse, remove caps, (dispose of metal in recyclables and plastic caps in Non-Processibles.)

Beverage Bottles
Shampoo Bottles
Milk Jugs, Ice Cream Pails
Ketchup Bottles
Food, Juice, & Detergent Bottles
Soap Containers
Motor Oil Containers (caps on)

Wide Mouth Food Containers with symbols 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, or 7 printed on the bottom

Not Acceptable

The following are not recyclable. Put these items in the Non-Processibles container.

Hard Plastic Caps
Bread & Other Bags
Plastic (Outside) Food Wrap
Plastic (Saran) Wrap
Frozen Food Plastic Wraps
Candy Wrappers
Plastic Rings or Scraps
Styrene Cups, Containers, Trays
Plastic Toys

COMPOSTABLES

(Place in untied, clear bag or adequate container such as a box or garbage can.)

PAPER WASTE:

- Newspaper (wet or soiled)
- Used Tissues, Napkins, Paper Plates
- Paper Towels
- Shiny Paper ads and inserts
- Envelopes with windows
- Junk Mail
- Used Waxed Paper
- Magazines
- Paper Filters
- Carbon Paper
- Construction Paper
- Text Books (Remove hard covers - Non-Processible)
- Other Paper Waste

PAPER PACKAGING: (You may put food scraps inside)

- Paper Bags, Milk Cartons
- Paper Board Boxes such as Cereal Boxes, Pop Boxes, Cake Mix Boxes, Cartons, etc. (remove liners)
- Frozen Paper Juice Containers
- Other Paper Wrappers and Containers

FOOD WASTE:

- Coffee Grinds & Tea Bags
- Fruit & Vegetable Peelings
- Any leftover Food Scraps
- Grease, Cooking Oil, Egg Shells, Etc.

MISCELLANEOUS:

- Disposable Diapers,
- Yard Wastes, Grass Clippings, Leaves, Weeds, Plant Waste, Garden Waste, etc.

NON-PROCESSIBLES

Place in tied, clear bag

- **METAL ITEMS:**
  Empty Aerosal Spray Cans, Old Toys
  Foil-like paper - Cream Cheese Wrap
  Old Hangers, Wires, Nuts, Bolts
- **CLOTHING ITEMS:**
  Old Clothes, Shoes, Nylons, Fabric Scraps, Rags
- **SMALL APPLIANCE ITEMS:**
  Radios, Hair Dryers, Toasters, Small Kitchen Appliances, Etc.
- **PLASTIC ITEMS:**
  Plastic Wrappers and film, Plastic Bags, Bread Bags, Baggies, Candy Wrappers, Chip Bags
  Plastic Bottle Caps, Some Plastic Food Containers (if do not have the plastic symbol 1,2,3,4,5, or 7)
  Styrofoam Food Containers (Trays, Cups, Packaging)
  Frozen Food Plastic Bags, Plastic Toys
- **OTHER:**
  Tape, Rubber Bands, Wax Products (candles), Disposable Razors, Flash Lights, etc., Small Batteries, Feminine Hygine Products/ Napkins, Gum, Toothpaste Containers, Light Bulbs, Prescription bottles, Dryed up Paint Cans

Needles/ Lancets - must be in a special container or closed bleach bottle before disposing in Non-Processibles.

MISCELLANEOUS

*NO PESTICIDES, LEFT OVER PAINTS, MOTOR OIL, ETC. REFER TO HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE SECTION.

FLORESCENT BULBS-OIL FILTERS-
Bring to the center where a fee will be charged.

ANY QUESTIONS - PLEASE CALL 843-2356