

# **Martin & Faribault County Single Sort Recycling How to Recycle Using Your NEW Brown/Yellow Curbside Recycling Cart**

The Single Sort Recycling Program is new to this area, so here are some instructions on how you will receive your **NEW** recycling cart and how to use this NEW BROWN/YELLOW Cart correctly. The program will begin on January 1, 2012.

## **HOW THE CART WILL BE DISTRIBUTED**

- ❖ Each household in the towns of Fairmont, Minnesota Lake and Huntley will be issued a NEW 65 gallon BROWN/YELLOW recycling cart on wheels.
- ❖ This cart should stay with the house where it is assigned. If you move, leave it behind. This cart is the property of the Martin and Faribault County Recycling Program.
- ❖ The yellow barrels from the former recycling program will be yours to keep, if you so choose. If you don't want your yellow barrel anymore, watch for the collection program for these yellow barrels.
- ❖ On the first recycling day of the year 2012 (see calendar for your area), you will put your recycling out curbside as you have been doing. You will find the new brown/yellow cart placed along side your existing yellow barrel when the recycling is collected. If you don't put recycling out curbside, you will not receive a new BROWN/YELLOW cart.
- ❖ After the BROWN/YELLOW carts are delivered, they are the only carts that will be emptied on recycling day. The old yellow barrels will no longer be used.

## **PROPER CURBSIDE PLACEMENT OF CART ON RECYCLING DAY**

- Once the BROWN/YELLOW recycling carts are in place, the yellow barrels from the former recycling program will no longer be an acceptable recycling collection device. They will no longer be emptied.
- Place your new cart out at the curb no later than 7 a.m. on your regular pick-up day.
- Make sure that the front of the cart faces the street. Look at the arrows on the cart for direction.
- Place your cart 5 feet away from all obstructions, including cars, poles, mail boxes and any additional garbage carts.
- Please don't load your cart with more than 100 lbs.
- The lid of your cart must close with ease. Do Not have items sticking out of the top of the cart.
- If your cart is damaged or broken, missing or stolen, please call 507-238-3115 for direction.
- Material left outside your cart or in another container will not be picked up.

## **WHAT CAN BE RECYCLED WITH THE SINGLE SORT PROGRAM USING YOUR BROWN/YELLOW CART:**

All items placed in the **BROWN/YELLOW** cart must be **CLEAN** with no dirt or food residue. Food containers must be washed out. Labels on containers are acceptable.

Remove all caps, lids, covers, o-rings, pumps and discard into your regular garbage.

**NO plastic bags!!** That also means no plastic bag liner in the recycling cart. All recyclable items are placed in the **BROWN/YELLOW** recycling cart and commingled or mixed together.

### **ACCEPTABLE ITEMS:**

- **Newspaper, Magazines, Miscellaneous Paper Products**
  - All white and colored writing paper, computer paper, magazines, and newspapers including inserts
  - Junk mail
  - Corrugated cardboard (the double-walled cardboard with the wiggly center) (Flatten boxes before putting in cart)
  - Phone books
  - Magazines including Reader's Digest
  - Catalogs
  - Boxboard from chip, cereal and cracker boxes
  - Please do not bundle newspapers in anything other than brown paper grocery bags.
  
- **Tin or Aluminum Cans**
  - Food and pet food cans
  - Soda and beer cans
  - Clean aluminum foil and aluminum foil pans
  
- **Glass**
  - Clear, green, brown or blue food or beverage container glass / with covers removed
  - Wine, beer and other alcohol bottles with caps removed
  - Soda bottles with caps removed
  - Salad Dressing bottles with lid removed
  
- **Plastic**
  - All plastic bottles and jugs with a screw top lid or that have a neck smaller than the base with caps removed
  - Two liter bottles with caps removed
  - Plastic milk jugs with caps removed
  - Bleach bottles with caps removed

## **PROHIBITED ITEMS –**

**DO NOT** put these items in your BROWN/YELLOW recycling cart!

- NO Garbage
- NO Hazardous waste
- NO Scrap metal such as metal pipe, hangers, wires, or automotive parts
- NO Hot or cold ashes
- NO Clothing
- NO Concrete, rocks, gravel, or wood
- NO Pizza boxes, egg cartons or ice cream cartons
- NO Snack food bags (like chips or popcorn bags)
- NO Fast food containers, cups, or wrappers
- NO Styrofoam, foam cups, foam containers or Styrofoam peanuts
- NO Bubble wrap or plastic wrap
- NO Plastic toys or furniture
- NO Plastic film, dry cleaning bags or grocery bags
- NO Softener Salt bags or Milk bags
- NO Flower pots / garden pots
- NO String, twine, cotton balls
- NO Paper towels, napkins, tissues
- NO Baby diapers
- NO Garden product containers such as pesticide containers
- NO Cups of any kind, coffee filters, tea bags
- NO Waxed paper or waxed anything like milk cartons, drinking boxes, frozen food boxes
- NO Candy or gum wrappers
- NO Bathroom waste paper
- NO Photos, slides, transparencies
- NO Aerosol cans, paint cans
- NO Motor oil, gasoline containers
- NO Light bulbs, pens
- NO Drinking glasses
- NO Window glass, mirrors
- NO Pottery, ceramics
- NO Disposable razors, needles
- NO Toys, dishes, glasses, medicine containers
- NO Plastic glasses, silverware, trays
- NO Dead animals

If you have any questions about recycling or any solid waste program contact Billeye Rabbe, Martin and Faribault County Solid Waste Coordinator, 507-238-3115 or email [billeye@frontiernet.net](mailto:billeye@frontiernet.net)