



# Portage County Solid Waste Department

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**Reduce, Reuse, Recycle & SAVE**

**"Nothing in nature is exhausted in its first use." Ralph Waldo Emerson**

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RE: **Clarification on New Items Accepted for Recycling at Portage County MRF**

(Plover, WI) August 4, 2010. The following clarifies the list of new items accepted for recycling on a voluntary basis at the Portage County Material Recovery Facility (MRF). The MRF, 600 Moore Road, Plover, is owned by Portage County and is operated by Veolia Environmental Services. Veolia recently installed new sorting equipment and expanded their marketing opportunities which allows for these changes.

The facility also now processes recyclables as "single-stream" (all items mixed together) which are collected from municipalities and haulers throughout central and north-central Wisconsin.

## **PREPARATION:**

- Large plastic items (>15 gal. containers, furniture items, toys, etc.) must either be delivered to the Portage County MRF for recycling at no charge, or you may contact your recycling hauler directly for separate curbside collection arrangements and/or fees. They are NOT collected with regular curbside recycling.
- Average or small-sized plastic and aseptic items can be placed in your cart or bin along with other recyclables.
- Empty and rinse all containers (triple rinse 55-gal. drums)

## **NEW ITEMS NOW ACCEPTED:**

- Many #3 - #7 plastics items, such as: food & beverage containers, cat litter containers, ice cream pails, 5-gallon pails, medicine / pill containers, bakery containers, flower pots or trays, yogurt or cottage cheese containers, cups & tubs, clear and rigid clam shell packaging, 55-gallon drums, large plastic furniture (chairs, tables), small and large plastic toys including playhouses, slides, etc..
- Aseptic containers, such as: cartons or boxes used for juice drinks, milk, soy milk, ice cream, broths, etc.

## **PLASTICS NOT ACCEPTED:**

- #1 brown plastic bottles
- #6 polystyrene foam ("Styrofoam"): i.e. egg cartons, hot beverage cups, plates, formed packing pieces, packing peanuts, etc.
- Motor oil containers
- Plastic film, shrink wrap and bags (all #s)
- CD cases
- Vinyl items (i.e. window, siding)

For more information contact the Portage County Solid Waste Department at 715/ 345-5970 or the Solid Waste / Recycling Information Line at 715/ 344-8198.

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**Description of Plastic Resin Codes:** <http://www.ides.com/resources/plastic-recycling-codes.asp>