

Terminology



Recycled-content - products are made from materials that would otherwise have been discarded. That means these products are made totally or partially from recycled material, like aluminum cans or newspaper. Also, if a product is labeled “recycled content,” the material might have come from excess or damaged items generated during normal manufacturing processes – not collected through a local recycling program.

Post-consumer content is a material that has served its intended use and is being reused in a different product. “Post-consumer” also indicates that the material is not from the manufacturing process, but from a finished product that has already been used.

Recyclable products can be collected and remanufactured into new products after they’ve been used. These products do not necessarily contain recycled materials and only benefit the environment if people recycle them after use. You can also take this one step further and think about what products recycle better than others.

Collection Site



The recycling lot is located south of Exit 32 on Dickson Drive.

The recycling collection bins are designed to collect cardboard, glass, plastic, aluminum, other metals and newspaper. Magazines and catalogs can also be dropped off here.

Tree branches and grass clippings can be dropped off here from April 15 – October 15. You can also take yard waste to the Rubble Site for free, during regular business hours, when you show a utility bill stub.

Recyclables can also be taken to R&N Recycling located on the Whitewood Service Road in Sturgis.



Recycling Program

Sturgis Public Works Department
1057 Dudley Street
Sturgis, SD 57785
347-3916



For more information about recycling visit our website at Sturgis-sd.gov.



Why Recycle?

Recycling is the process of taking a product at the end of its useful life and using all or part of it to make another product.

Recycling helps the environment by reducing the demand for natural resources.

Recycling helps your pocketbook by giving manufacturers the option of purchasing recycled materials instead of new materials. By keeping costs down, you see lower prices at the store.

Recycling extends the life of our landfills. The City of Sturgis recently had to purchase an additional 10 acres of land for future expansion of the Rubble Site. This type of expansion is expensive for tax payers and requires extensive reclamation work at the previous site.

Recycling is smart - we only have so much space for trash and it's our responsibility to make wise choices to protect our environment.

Getting Started



Getting started is easy - chances are, you already recycle and may not realize it.

Before you buy: Consider whether or not you really need the product. Can you borrow one from a friend, can you use an old one you already have, can you rent one?

Take a re-useable bag with you when you shop. Many stores now sell bags that you can use each time you visit.



Take a close look at product packaging. If items are of equal value and one is contained in more packaging than necessary, choose the eco-friendly version.

Reuse as many household items as possible. A used glass jar makes a great pencil jar, flower vase or gift container. Think reuse before you toss it.



Are you wanting to purchase a unique gift? Shop in stores that offer recycled gift items.

Make a donation. Consider donating used furniture and appliances to a local non-profit or thrift store where they can be used by others in need.

It's a Fact



The household trash collected in Sturgis is hauled by truck to the landfill in Belle Fourche. On average, the Sturgis Sanitation Department hauls over 400 tons of trash per month; at a cost of nearly \$210,000 per year.

About one-third of an average city dump is made up of packaging material that could have been recycled.

A modern glass bottle will take 4,000 years or more to decompose in a landfill.



Americans use 2,500 plastic bottles every hour and most of those end up in the trash.

The U.S. is the #1 trash-producing country in the world at 1,609 pounds per person per year. This means that 5% of the world's people generate 40% of the world's waste.



Drop off your used cell phones, PDA's, and other communication devices for recycling at City Hall, the Community Center or the Public Works Office