

Expansion of Plastic for Curbside Recycling

Deffenbaugh has expanded its curbside recycling to include an assortment of #1 - #7 plastics in the curbside recycling program in Kansas City, Kansas and Bonner Springs, Kansas in February 2009. Deffenbaugh had previously limited plastics to #1 and #2.

Plastics can be identified by checking the bottom of containers and looking for the number inside the chasing arrows recycling symbol. Plastics that can now be recycled at curbside include:

- Yogurt and margarine tubs.
- Deli or salad bar “Clamshells”.
- #3-#7 plastic containers.
- In addition, you can recycle the following plastics curbside: soft drink bottles, water bottles, juice bottles, sports drinks bottles, mouth wash bottles, and plastic containers used for milk, water, juice, cosmetics, shampoo, dish & laundry detergents.

Even though Deffenbaugh can accept #1 through #7 plastics, not all plastics may be taken. In addition, it should be noted that it is impossible to have an all-inclusive list of acceptable plastic items or unacceptable plastic items. There are some plastics that will **not** be taken. They include:

- No plastic bags.
- No plastic toys.
- No motor oil containers or other auto products such as brake fluid, transmission fluid, windshield washer fluid, etc.
- No household hazardous waste such as herbicide and pesticide containers.
- No expanded #6 polystyrene materials including “peanuts”, packaging blocks/sheets, and cups.
- No plastic cereal box or cake box liner bags.
- No plastic lids or 6-pack holders.
- No plastic pipe, PVC pipe.
- No plastic building materials or plastic sheet materials.

Residents are asked to rinse out all plastic containers. Curbside recycling is picked up on the same day as your regularly scheduled trash day. Residents are encouraged to place their green recycling bin 5 to 6 feet away from their trash.