

TRASH *Talk*

All trash must be bagged, tied *and lid must be able to close.*



Immediate Changes to Dickinson's Recycling Program

Due to the Coronavirus COVID-19 the Solid Waste Division is immediately implementing changes to Dickinson's Recycling Program. With reduction of staff in the department due to COVID-19 and the intention to limit staff exposure to the waste stream, we are implementing temporary changes to our recycling protocol. Transportation of recycling materials out of state to the Material Recycling Facility will be temporarily suspended and all solid waste material will be disposed of at the Landfill. With the changes to the recycling program due to COVID-19, recycling fees will be waived beginning with the April utility billing, until recycled materials are shipped off site again. Please continue to place your containers curbside the night before or by 5:00 AM on your assigned days as usual. It is our utmost hope that in the near future, the residents of Dickinson will once again send the "Cleanest

Recycling Material" to the facility in Minnesota. We will keep the public updated with any changes.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.
Dickinson Public Works

City-Wide Spring Clean up pushed back

The committee has determined the 2020 City-Wide Spring Clean Up will be pushed back due to the current Covid-19 circumstances.

The committee will set new dates sometime in May.

Solid Waste



Recycling

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Spring-Summer Newsletter

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Dickinson, North Dakota

701-456-7776

Working through the virus

The Solid Waste/Recycling department continues to operate regular routes.

The Baler building IS closed to the public. Customers must call the scale operator for directions.

All fee transactions must be completed by credit or debit card over the phone.

Check www.dickinsongov.com for any City messages regarding Covid-19

Oil barrels removed from recycling sites

This past fall, the used motor oil barrels were removed from the recycling sites due to misuse or tampering. Here are the statistics of why they had to be removed:

State's Ave & 8th St— **5,860 pounds of debris**
Broadway—**1,940 pounds of debris**

Debris, the term used here for the sludge, frying oil, grease, gravel, sand and paint that was placed in the barrels. *Paint should be made solid/dried out completely and placed into a trash bag and put into your trash can.* If you have frying oil contact Tipton Grease Services.

Used motor oil is the only material that should have been placed into the barrels. Used motor oil can be recycled—the other materials contaminate the motor oil and it becomes additional waste that needs to be disposed of at additional cost to the City.

Used motor oil can be deposited into the oil barrel at the baler building at 3389 Energy Drive.



FOR THE SAFETY OF OUR CREW— PLEASE....

NO SHARPS in trash containers

Instead, please place in a sturdy container, taped firmly closed and take to a sharps disposal location or out to the baler building

Temporary Hours

**Effective March 30th
Mon.- Fri.**

**Baler Building
7:00 AM to 4:00 PM
Landfill
7:30 AM—4:00 PM**

All weekend openings are cancelled until further notice

Wasted compost materials

The Solid Waste Department tends to get a little “persnickety” about the grass boxes/recycling sites. There is a reason for this however.

This past July, the recycling sites collected 220 tons of grass and vegetation. Of this, 68.34 tons were “clean” compostable material, while 151.69 tons of contaminated grass went into the landfill. Double the amount of compostable materials. Truly a waste. **Yard waste must be removed from plastic bags.**

Trees/branches do not go into grass boxes. If you use the grass boxes and see someone putting an item in that’s not allowed, please say something.

Plastic Film is still accepted at City Hall & the Baler building

Plastic film – also known as plastic film packaging – is soft, flexible polyethylene (PE) packaging such as grocery, bread, zip-top and dry cleaning bags. It’s also the wrap around many products including paper plates, napkins, bathroom tissue, diapers, etc. To recycle your plastic film, first make sure that it is **clean** (e.g., no food residue) and **dry**. Then, take it to your nearest **drop-off location** to be collected for recycling, including local grocery stores and Walmart. A good test to see if it’s plastic film: try to push your thumb through it—if it stretches easily, it’s film; if it’s hard to do, it is not plastic film and needs to go in the trash.

Recycling A, B, Cs you might not know about

- A. Not all plastic is recyclable (Dickinson accepts 1s,2s, & 5s)
- B. Not all plastic is created equal (think milk jug vs. water bottle)
- C. Coffee cups cannot be recycled
- D. You cannot recycle dirty plastic
- E. Every time a plastic is recycled its quality decreases
- F. Metal and glass can be recycled infinitely (Dickinson does not accept glass due to the weight & contamination issues)
- G. Everything else category (cannot be recycled) includes biodegradable products

2020 Spring-Summer Holiday Schedule

Fri., April 10th-Good Friday

Residential Rt will be collect on Wed., April 8th
Commercial Rt will be collected on Thurs., April 9th

Mon., May 25th Memorial Day

Residential Rt will be collected Wed, May 27th
Commercial Rt will be collected Tues., May 26th

Fri., July 3rd “4th of July Observed”

Residential Rt will be collected Wed, July 1st
Commercial Rt will be collected Thur., July 2nd

Mon., Sept. 7th Labor Day

Residential Rt will be collected Wed., Sept. 9th
Commercial Rt will be collected Tues., Sept. 8th

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Recycling is Every Other Week pickup
Place accepted materials loose in your cart

For the free reminder service
Call 701-456-7043!

You’ve Got Questions,
We’ve Got Answers

BACKYARD BUCKETS

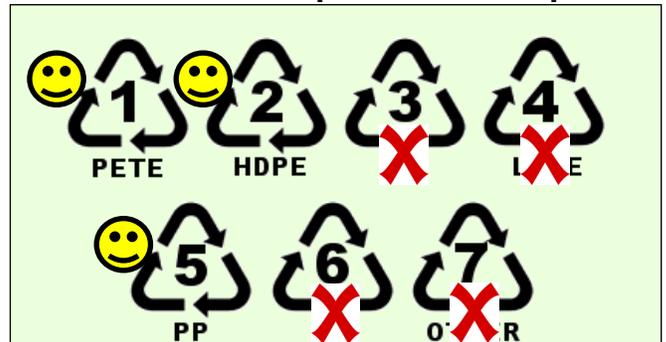
COMING IN JUNE

99 2nd St E-City Hall

2nd in the Series

The City will **NOT**
be holding an
ELECTRONICS
Recycling Event this
spring, due to
higher than expected
costs to the
City and also to
Residents

How can I tell if a plastic is accepted?



Dickinson currently accepts plastic numbers 1, 2, and 5 only.

Recyclable plastic usually comes with a little recycling symbol printed on the bottom and depending on the product, there might be a 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, or 7 stamped in the center of the symbol. It’s easy to miss, but this tiny digit is actually pretty important, because it’s an ID. The number is a resin identification code, used to help recycling plants sort materials. Recyclable plastics are labeled with numbers 1-7 to tell workers what kind of

plastic it is, and how it should be processed. But it also helps recycling collectors determine what items they can accept — and which ones go in the trash. (Styrofoam actually has a number on it; however, it is NOT recyclable.)

Recycling Sites:

600 Block 13th Ave. W.
600 Block W. Broadway
400 Block 10th Ave. E.
3389 Energy Drive