



City of Cortez Service Center
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ECORTEZ

City of Cortez Recycling Program

ECOrtez Serves Cortez!

ECOrtez is a curb-side recycling program that the City initiated in July 1991. Currently, the City collects Type 1 and Type 2 plastic, cardboard, glass, paper, aluminum beverage cans, and tin and steel cans. The ECOrtez program consists of weekly curbside collection service for City residents and a drop-off station at the City Service Center. Please keep this "How to Recycle" brochure for future reference.

How Does ECOrtez Work?

An 18-gallon green recycling bin is utilized by one- and two-family dwellings. The bin is designed to hold bags or containers full of recyclables. These bins have been assigned to each address and will remain the property of the City of Cortez. Please do not use the bin for trash or anything other than recycling.

**PLEASE KEEP YOUR
RECYCLING BIN CLEAN!**

If you do not plan to use the bin, contact the Recycling Division at the City Service Center at 970.565.7320, Ext. 3352, and arrangements will be made to have the bin picked up. If you move, please leave the bin at your present address.

It's easy to recycle.....all you do is separate, store your recyclables in the green bin provided, and put the bin out at the curb in front of your property on the same day as your garbage is picked up. Have the bin out by 6:00 a.m. If your trash is normally picked up in the alley, the bin must still be placed in front of your property, AT THE CURB. Some routes vary, so if you have questions, contact the Recycling Division. If you consistently generate more recyclable material than your bin can hold, call for a second bin. **Limit: two per household.** If you need more than the two bins provided by the City, it is up to you to provide additional bins.



**One Ton of recycled paper
saves 17 trees
and reduces waste
in the landfill!**

Drop-off Station:

As part of the City's recycling program, a drop-off station has been provided for those who are not able to participate in the City's curbside pick-up program. There are multiple dumpsters at the drop-off station, each one labeled for the item to be collected. In addition, each dumpster has a sign stating which materials are acceptable and which ones are not. The drop-off station is located in the Industrial Park next to the RV Dump by the City Service Center, 110 West Progress Circle, and is open 24/7.



Holiday Pick-Ups

Recycling bins will **NOT** be emptied on holidays when City offices are closed. Holiday pick-up schedules will be posted in the local newspaper and on the home page of the City's website. Go to: www.cityofcortez.com

OVER PLEASE

ITEMS TO RECYCLE:

ALUMINUM: We can only accept aluminum cans, pans, and foil.

E-WASTE: is only accepted at the Montezuma County Landfill. Call 970.565.9858 for information.

GLASS: We accept **CLEAN** glass bottles and jars. Please rinse jars and remove all lids.

TIN AND STEEL CANS: Cans that vegetables come in, dog/cat food cans, etc. If you're not sure, test it with a magnet. If it sticks, put it in the tin/steel recycling dumpster.

MIXED OFFICE PAPER: Includes copy paper, catalogs, phone books, other books (tear off the covers), and junk mail. *Glossy paper and the plastic wrapping on the outside of magazines are **NOT** recyclable.*



The nationally recognized recycling symbol with three arrows rotating in a triangular shape represents each part of the recycling process.

Step 1: Collect materials through curbside pick-up or buy-back programs.

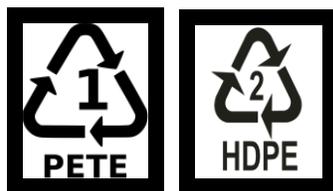
Step 2: Process the materials into usable form.

Step 3: Use the various products manufactured from recyclable items.

CARDBOARD: The City accepts corrugated cardboard, brown paper, and paperboard (e.g. cereal boxes, cracker boxes). For large amounts of cardboard, call 970.565.7320, Ext. 3352 to make an appointment to drop it off.

PLASTICS (SEPARATED):

CHECK THE LABEL: Before recycling, please ensure that the bottle is clearly labeled with one of these symbols before recycling:



Type 1 and Type 2 plastics need to be separated.

REMOVE ALL LIDS. Lids are a Type 5 plastic and not allowed in our plastic recycling program.

CLOSE THE RECYCLING CIRCLE:

When products that are made from recycled materials are purchased by the consumer, we are telling manufacturers that we support their efforts. Also, by purchasing items made with recycled raw materials, we help ensure that markets are available for materials collected in the recycling programs.

Questions?

Questions should be directed to the Recycling Division in the City Service Center. Call 970.565.7320, Ext. 3352.

RINSE all plastic bottles so they are free of contaminants.

UNACCEPTABLE ITEMS: If the recyclables are unsorted, or if wet paper or trash is placed in the recycling bin, the material will be left for you to dispose of properly.

You are providing the raw material for a manufacturing process, so please help keep the cost of recycling down by using the above guidelines to separate your recyclable materials.

The material we sell to processors must conform to very specific guidelines and be free from contamination. Failure to meet these guidelines may result in the rejection of entire loads. Please help **ECOrtez** by learning the guidelines and recycling properly.

What happens to all this recyclable stuff?

The City contracts with the County Landfill to bale the paper, plastic, and cardboard. The bales are then sold through various brokerage companies on the open market. The mixed glass is crushed and sold.

The aluminum, tin, and steel cans are sorted and taken to local scrap yards for processing. The mulch is used in different applications around town.