



# RECYCLING IN BUCKHANNON

How can we make recycling work well in our community?



VISIT  
**THE MUDLICK  
RECYCLING CENTER**  
TO PICK UP YOUR  
BLUE BIN!

## **Curbside Recycling:**

1st & 3rd Tuesday of the Month  
or visit the **Mudlick Recycling  
Center** on the Mudlick Road.  
**REDUCE, REUSE, & RECYCLE**  
*responsibly* when possible and  
viable.

## A National Plastics Problem

Markets for plastic have gone dry.

Many residents have expressed concern over the City Waste Department's recent reduction in the types of materials accepted at our Recycling Center. What's behind the changes?

Nationwide, the markets for recycling, particularly plastics, have become more and more challenging for small systems such as ours. Facilities that accept plastics are requiring larger loads, with less contamination, than ever before.

For instance, to accept #2 laundry detergent bottles, an item that has recently been eliminated from our list of accepted materials, we would need to collect, compress, and store this material until reaching the 28,000 lbs. threshold that the accepting plastics processing business now requires. This threshold has more than tripled in past years. Further, the material must be stored indoors, as the plastic degrades in the sun, becoming less valuable for the manufacturer.

The City Waste Department does not have enough space to store that amount of material, and thus the unfortunate decision was made to stop accepting that type of plastic. This is but one example of the challenges faced by our City Waste Department due to fluctuating materials markets.

**You can help by only recycling items that we accept! Thanks for doing your part to make recycling a success in Buckhannon and Upshur County.**





# City of Buckhannon Recycling Guide



As consumers, we all have a responsibility to know what goes in the recycling bin and what does not. Questions?  
Call the City Waste Department at (304) 472-4443.

## Yes, please!



Aluminum & Steel Cans



Newspapers & Office Paper



Corrugated Cardboard



#1 Plastic water & Soda Bottles;

#2 Milk Jugs

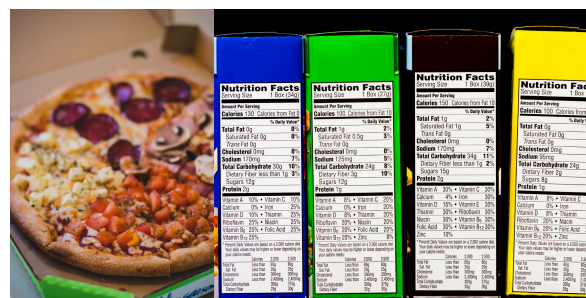
## Nope...Sorry.



Aerosols, pet food, any can with a liner



Magazines and glossy paper



Pizza Boxes, Cereal Boxes, Paperboard



ANY OTHER PLASTIC.

Mudlick Recycling Center Hours: M-F 7:30 AM - 3:15 PM; SAT 7:30 AM - 11:45 AM