



# Solid Waste Recycling Program

## INFORMATION SHEET

Oklahoma City Air Logistics Center  
Tinker Air Force Base, Oklahoma

### Program Overview

The purpose of the Solid Waste Recycling Program is to reduce the solid waste generated on Tinker AFB and divert it from landfill disposal through increased awareness and participation by base populace.

### Objectives

- Solid waste source reduction through paper policies and affirmative procurement
- Solid waste recycling through qualified recycling programs
- Solid waste recycling awareness increased through implementation of education campaign

### What You Can Do to Help?

Every day, each of us produces approximately 4 lbs of garbage. The collective amount of waste seems to be ever-increasing.

Fortunately, each of us can do something to lessen the amount of waste we produce and conserve natural resources. Reducing, reusing, recycling, and generally rethinking the way we live and what we purchase, can help to alleviate the solid waste problem.

**REDUCE** - From the start - This means buying only what is needed and using what is bought.

**REUSE** - Think creatively, and keep useful things out of the trash by reusing them.

**RECYCLE** - Recycling saves natural resources, energy, and money.

**RETHINK** - The way you live - each of us directly and indirectly impacts the environment. Through conscientious living we can lessen our personal effect on the earth.

**REDUCE**

**REUSE**

**RECYCLE**

**RETHINK**



**Curbside recycling being conducted by 72 ABW Services personnel in the Military Family Housing area.**

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Paper is the most common thing in a garbage dump. About 40% of an average dump is paper, all of which is recyclable! But, each time a piece of paper is recycled, 20% of the fibers are lost, so it can only be recycled 5 times. When looking for paper products that already are recycled, look for the words, Made from recycled products, Post-Consumer Waste or the recycling symbol. Some grocery stores even allow you to recycle your shopping bags at the store! And you should buy recycled paper. When you use recycled paper instead of new paper, you save 35% of water pollution and 70% of air pollution used in making new paper. Corrugated cardboard is also recyclable, and 9% of an average dump is made of it.

<b>White Paper That Can Be Recycled (Blue Barrels)</b>	<b>Things That Should NOT Be Placed In Any Recycling Barrel</b>	
Copier paper	Colored Paper	Waxed Paper
Letterhead	Newspaper	Waxed Cartons
Writing Paper	Magazines	Napkins
Computer Paper	Phone Books	Tissues
Green Bar Computer Paper	File Folders	Toweling
Envelopes (without windows)	Glossy, Coated Papers	Cups
Message paper	Books	Paper Dishes
Reports Bound with Staples	Paper Ream Wrappers	Brown Paper Bags
White Paper With Colored Ink	Self Stick Notes	3-ring Binders
	Federal Registers	Plastic Viewgraphs
	Blueprints and Photos	Carbon Paper
	Reports Bound with Glue	Candy Wrappers
		Plastic of any kind

**Some Paper Recycling Facts:  
For Every Ton of Paper Recycled Your Office Will:**

- Save 3.5 cubic yards of landfill
- Save 17 thirty foot (pulp) trees
- Save 7,000 gallons of water
- Save 380 gallons of oil
- Eliminate 60 pounds of air pollutants
- Save about \$160 in ORNL disposal and hauling costs

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