

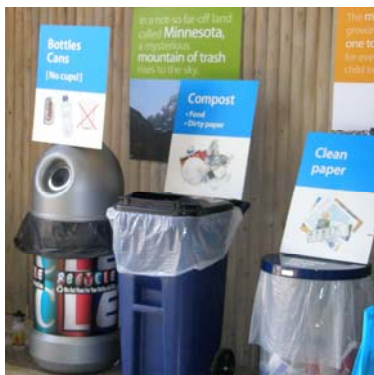


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Away From Home Recycling... How You Can Do MORE on the Go

We all know there are many benefits to recycling and that recycling is a good thing. It is good, not only for the environment, but for reducing energy consumption and helping Minnesota's economy. Every community in Minnesota has some form of a residential recycling program-whether it's curbside pickup or a local city, township, or county drop-off location.

But new opportunities to recycle are being created every day. These include recycling at gas stations, car washes, golf courses, and other public places and events. This is typically referred to as "away from home recycling." In the last several years this type of recycling has gained a lot of interest because while most of us do a good job of recycling at home, there aren't as many options when we are on the go. Many great organizations are now helping the environment as well as their bottom line by recycling more. Read on to learn about places you can recycle more...away from home.



State Fair: Public events and away from home recycling needs to be convenient and easy. That's why the Minnesota State Fair organizers wanted to provide simple easy opportunities to recycle plastic bottles and cans at the 'great Minnesota get-together.' The bins used were shaped like large pop bottles and have been 'popping up' at other locations throughout the state as well. Also at the fair the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency's Eco-Experience Building collected several tons of



material that would have otherwise been thrown away.

'Message in a Bottle' Away From Home Recycling Program:

The Recycling Association of Minnesota (RAM) and the Adult Training and Habilitation Center (ATHC) in Hutchinson, MN teamed up with local businesses to provide the public with easy recycling opportunities at gas stations, golf courses, car washes, and laundromats in McLeod and Carver counties. The program gives adults with disabilities ongoing work, waste is diverted from landfills, and a small portion of the proceeds goes toward supporting recycling education. Business owners are happy to have



increased foot traffic, not to mention taking out the garbage less often. This highly successful program will soon be available in St. Cloud and Mankato as well.

St. Paul Festival Association: You will soon be able to recycle at some of the most widely attended public events in St Paul! Look for recycling bins at Grand Ole Days, Cinco De Mayo Festival, Highland Park Festival and The St. Paul Winter Carnival among other events in St. Paul. The 2008 Cinco de Mayo festival will mark the beginning of recycling at these events.

There are many other success stories of recycling away from home. To read more about what is going on nationally go to:

<http://www.epa.gov/epaoswer/osw/conserve/onthego/stories/index.htm>. There are increasing opportunities for recycling away from home every day. It takes little effort and we all reap the benefits.

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