



# Marshall Putnam Solid Waste & Recycle Guide

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Serving  
Marshall County  
and  
Putnam County

Remember the 3 R's:  
Reduce, Reuse, Recycle

Questions about  
recycling??

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The 40th Celebration of  
Earth Day is  
April 22, 2010.

- Encourage active lifestyles and healthy living
- Switch to energy efficient light bulbs
- Help clean up your neighborhood
- Visit [www.earthday.net](http://www.earthday.net) for more ideas

**EARTH HOUR** is  
March 27, 2010 at  
8:30 pm **LOCALLY**  
Turn **OFF** all lights and  
electronics for at least  
**1 HOUR**

This is a world wide  
event and you too can  
participate!

Arbor Day is  
April 30, 2010.

Join NCICG at the Marshall  
County Courthouse on April  
29 for free trees from 10-2

Join us at the Bassi Park  
shelter in Hennepin on April  
30 for free trees from 12-2  
followed by a tree dedica-  
tion. Tree information will be  
available.

- \* First come, first served
- \* 50 trees available per location
- \* One per household only

## What can I recycle locally?

### Putnam County -

The Granville recycling  
center accepts:

- Glass
- Plastics (#1-5),
- Paper
- Cardboard

### Marshall County -

The Marshall County  
Recycling Center accepts:

- Glass
- Plastics (#1-5)
- Aluminum, tin
- Paper
- Cardboard



## **Composting:**

Composting is the decomposition of organic material (plant remains and other once-living materials) to make a soil-like, earthy substance that is great for plants and gardens to enrich the soil. Compost is made by billions of microbes digesting yard and food waste. Composts need air, water, and food. Air is important to keep the smell away, water is important for decomposition, and food is needed to make the compost.

### **What can you do?**

You can make your own compost either in a bin or in a pile (heap). Compost may be regulated by your community so be sure to check your community's composting regulations.

### **What to compost:**

Animal manure, cardboard rolls, coffee grounds & filters, cotton & wool rags, dryer & vacuum lint, eggshells, fruits & vegetables, grass clippings, hair & fur, hay & straw, leaves, sawdust, shredded newspaper, tea bags, wood chips, and yard trimmings.

### **What NOT to compost:**

Coal, dairy products, fats, lards, oils, meat or fish bones and scraps, pet wastes (dog or cat feces, litter), yard waste treated with chemicals.

**For more information on composting please go to:**

**[www.epa.gov](http://www.epa.gov)**

## **WHY SHOULD WE COMPOST?**

- 140 lbs per person/ per year of waste could be composted.
- 33 millions tons of yard waste and trimmings go to the landfill each year.
- 32 million tons of food scraps go to the landfill every year.

