



Canton recycles

Canton Chamber Mainstreet Association



#1 - #7 Plastic
soft drink bottles, water bottles,
grocery bags & all clean plastic



Clean Paper
newspaper, cardstock, books,
phone books, magazines
& all clean paper

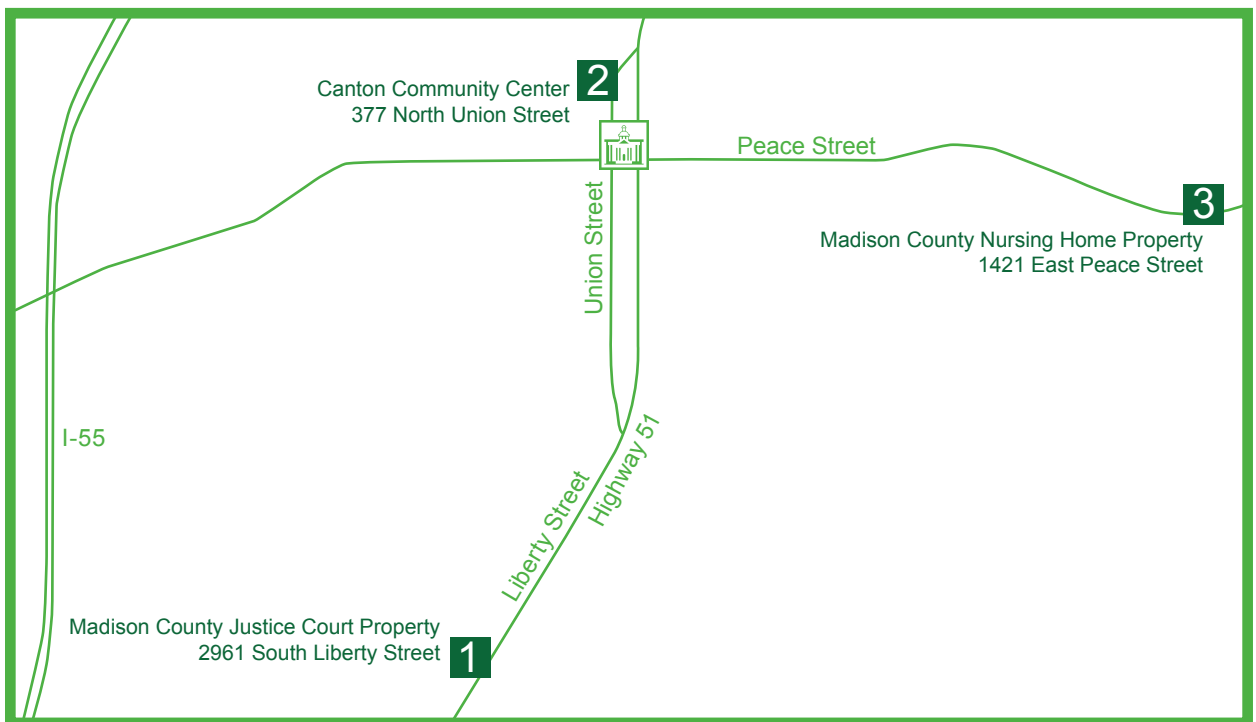


Unwaxed Corrugated Cardboard
break boxes down



Aluminum & Tin
clean cans

canton-mississippi.com 601.859.5816



PLEASE - NO soiled items, NO styrofoam, NO glass
Anything that would draw a fly should not be recycled.

WHY RECYCLE?

- Recycling conserves natural resources. Some of these resources such as oil, natural gas and minerals are non-renewable resources. Simply put, they don't get replaced as we pull them out of the ground. Once they are gone, they're gone forever. Using recycled materials in the production of new products reduces the use of virgin materials and conserves energy.
- Recycling employs people. Recycling employs people who a) collect the recyclable material, b) process the material or get it ready to sell to a manufacturer, c) transport the materials to factories where it will be turned into new products, d) take the material and manufacture it into new products, e) manufacture equipment and products used by the recycling industry, and f) manage local, state and federal government recycling programs and private and non-profit recycling programs.
- Recycling conserves landfill space. Landfill space will last longer if we only put items that are not recyclable into them. It is extremely expensive to build a modern landfill and we need to be careful how much and how fast we fill them up. Landfills are much safer than 20 years ago, but they are still a poor use of land and a potential source of groundwater contamination and methane release.
- Recycling reduces our dependence on overseas natural resources. This is important in two very important ways, a) it reduces our dependence on overseas oil and gas which has national security implications, and b) it reduces our foreign trade deficit which is important to the strength of our economy.

Other Reasons to Recycle

- Recycled items are NOT trash but commodities. Some businesses in the Southern United States import used plastic bottles.
- Recycling will help make Canton a better place for our grandchildren.
- In 2010, Americans threw away \$2.8 billion worth of paper. It takes 24 trees to make one ton of uncoated virgin (non-recycled) printing and office paper.
- The United States produces approximately 220 million tons of garbage each year. This is equivalent to burying over 82,000 football fields six feet deep in compacted garbage.
- Mississippi's contribution to the solid waste problem is approximately 2.6 million tons of garbage which is equivalent to burying 550 football fields six feet deep in compacted garbage.
- Save the city garbage pick up costs by recycling. When recyclables are not recycled they become litter and garbage. By recycling, the City of Canton can save money by reducing the garbage pick-up cost and the cost of dumping our own garbage in our own landfill.

How to Recycle at Home

One of the easiest and most cost effective ways to recycle at home is to collect paper in paper grocery bags, plastic in plastic bags, and aluminum and tin in plastic bags. As each bag is full, the entire item can be recycled!

More Information about Recycling

Mississippi Recycling Coalition:
www.msrecycles.org

Keep America Beautiful:

http://www.kab.org/site/PageServer?pagename=recycling_facts_and_stats