



# Public Space Recycling



Public Space Recycling ---- While enjoying family time at local parks or taking a stroll downtown you won't have to think twice about what to do with your empty plastic bottle or aluminum can!

Be on the lookout for new recycling receptacles being placed at all your favorite Spencer parks, such as Pedersen Park, Stolley's, East Leach Park, and more. Even recycle in Downtown Spencer!

## What is a Public Space?

It is an indoor/outdoor attraction center, or a highly visible commerce area that has unique features that add to city livability and desirability.

- Airports • Special events • Fairs • Sports & concert venues • Beaches • Parks
- Plazas & pedestrian malls • Courtyards • Building lobbies • Food courts
- Downtowns • Gas stations

## What is the difference between Public Space Recycling and Curbside Recycling?

### Curbside Recycling

Broader more items on the recyclable list - large service area Do's & Don'ts typically spelled out Terminology like "single stream" & "commingled" used

### Public Space Recycling

Narrower more focused items - smaller service area Black/Brown top is for trash - Blue top is for recyclables Clear, Simple Labels, & Signage Plastic bottles & Cans can be recycled --- everything else goes in the trash Remember - separate recyclables from your trash - know before you throw DO NOT assume it is recyclable

## What do Public Recycling & Curbside Recycling have in common?

The items you can recycle varies by area.

### CONTAMINATION

When incorrect items/materials are put into the system.

When the right items/materials are prepared the wrong way. (i.e., food residue or liquid in containers or recyclables in a bag)

REMEMBER - know before you throw - separate recyclables from your trash

## Why is Public Space Recycling Important?

- To make our community environment a clean, green and beautiful place to live.
- Prevent litter.
- Reduce waste.
- Increase recycling.
- Protect the natural beauty around us.
- Generates COMMUNITY PRIDE
- Increase awareness, share information, learn from each other!!!!
- Spread COMMUNITY PRIDE with friends, family, neighbors, and coworkers.



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