

Benefits of Special Event Recycling Units

- Setting up the recycling system takes a fraction of the time it takes to distribute barrels.
- Easy storage, no loose parts to assemble.
- Secure Lock ensures bags won't slip no matter how full.
- Clear bags allow for visible contamination to be dealt with quickly.
- Large capacity bags can easily be handled by one person with no heavy lifting.
- Reduces litter clean up after an event.
- Helps keep recyclable materials out of the environment, keeps event grounds clean and neat.
- Easier separation to recover five cent containers for coopeage.
- Free!

The Dubuque Metropolitan Area Solid Waste Agency was recently awarded the 2004 Recycling Project of the Year Award by the Iowa Recycling Association for its Special Event Recycling Campaign. An average of 95% recovery of recyclable beverage container was achieved at events using the recycling units.



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Special Event Recycling Units

Available for
loan for use at
your special
event. Provided
by the Dubuque
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The Recycling Solution

Special Event Recycling Units are available free of charge for community events through the DMASWA. These units help reduce recyclable waste at events such as conventions, county fairs, or community festivals. Bins are easy to assemble, have a capacity of 45 gallons, and are able to withstand most winds.

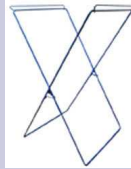


Reserve recycling units now for your next special event.

Setting Up the System

Frames and bags should be set up the day of the event to reduce wear and tear, and the possibility of theft.

Setting up the Frames:



Step 1: Stand facing the side of the frame with the loops up.

Step 2: Using both hands, pull the opposing top rungs (the loops) away from each other. This frame will open like a pair of scissors.

Securing the Bag:



Step 1: Stand facing one of the frame's secure bag locks. Place one foot on the bottom rung to stabilize the frame. Insert empty bag inside the frame. With both hands, pull 3" of the bag through the loop. Be sure the printed side is facing one of the open ends of the frame.



Step 2: Using two hands, pull the bag over the loop and toward the center, wrapping it around the corners.



Step 3: Grasp each side of the bag at the top and pull down until you feel a great deal of resistance. The bag will tighten around the secure lock so it cannot slip off.

Step 4: Repeat steps for opposite side. Then place the plastic lid on top of the frame.

To Remove bag:



Unwrap the bag from the secure loops and slide it through the opening of the frame.

Best Recycling Management Practices at Community Events

1. Train volunteers in setting up and taking down the systems.
2. Set up frames and bags the day of the event to reduce theft.
3. Require vendors to recycle their own cardboard.
4. Advertise and promote as a "Recycling Expected" and "Litter-Free Event" through print and announcements.
5. Train volunteers and/or private contractors to promote, educate, monitor and manage event recycling.
6. ALWAYS place recycling units next to trash units.
7. Continuously monitor container contamination and immediately remove trash from recycling units and vice versa.
8. Report and celebrate results.