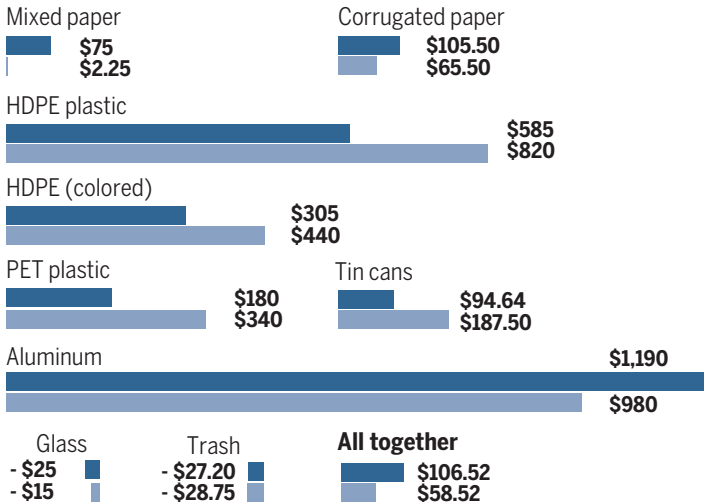


Commodities value per ton at Scott Area Recycling Center

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Source: Scott Area Recycling Center

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Corrugated paper is what shipping boxes are made of.

HDPE plastic is what milk jugs are made of; it's mainly clear.

HDPE plastic (colored) is what detergent bottles are made of.

PET plastic is what water bottles are made of.

Mixed plastic is the plastic with numbers 3-7 except for foam. It has no value because the center gives it away, but it is recycled.

Glass has a negative value because of the cost of shipping to Chicago.

Trash is a negative because that is the "tipping fee" the recycling center pays at the landfill to dump trash that is taken out of the recycling bins, such as plastic bags or foam.