



## Curbside Trash & Recycling Guide

### OK to Recycle curbside

- ✓ **Paper** (newspaper, magazines, junk mail white & colored paper, plain packing paper)
- ✓ **Plastics #1-7** (food & bathroom product containers)
- ✓ **Aluminum cans**
- ✓ **Paperboard** (cereal boxes, egg cartons, tissue boxes, milk cartons, etc.)
- ✓ **Cardboard** (flat and cut into 3ft x 3ft. pieces)
- ✓ **Glass Food & Beverage Containers**

Please make sure items that contained food or liquids are empty and rinsed clean.

### DO NOT Recycle curbside

- ✗ **Hazardous Materials** (motor oil, antifreeze, paint, cleaning fluids, syringes, medical waste, propane tanks, etc.)
- ✗ **Yard Waste** (grass, leaves, brush, weeds, etc.)
- ✗ **Styrofoam**
- ✗ **Bags of any kind**
- ✗ **Ceramics** (plates, mugs, vases, etc.)
- ✗ **Trash/soiled items** (diapers, pet waste, liquids, etc.)
- ✗ **Non-recyclable plastics** (straws, toys, hoses, coolers, shower curtains, utensils, packing materials, etc.)
- ✗ **Sharp Objects** (knives, mirrors, broken glass, etc.)
- ✗ **Light Bulbs**
- ✗ **Appliances**
- ✗ **Batteries**
- ✗ **Electronics**
- ✗ **Construction Debris** (wood, metal, tools, etc.)
- ✗ **Food Waste**
- ✗ **Textiles** (clothing, bedding, etc.)
- ✗ **Bulk Items**

## Trash Guide

### OK in Trash Bin

- ✓ **Bagged Household Waste**

### DO NOT put into Trash Bin

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If you have any questions about curbside trash and recycling, please contact us. We are always happy to answer questions or suggest alternatives.

# The 6 R's of Sustainability

The higher on the list, the better it is!

## Refuse

Do you need it? Before making a purchase, consider that almost everything we buy ends up being thrown away at some point. It goes to a landfill, becomes litter, pollutes our oceans, or contributes to greenhouse gases through production and disposal processes.

Don't buy or accept products that can harm you or the environment. Choose items with conscientious or minimal packaging over those with non-recyclable or excessive packaging. Use the power of your dollar to tell companies what you want and don't want.

Think about freebies and giveaways – if it's a pen or a reusable grocery bag that you will use, take it. If it's going to end up in the trash, just say "No"

## Reduce

Can you use less? Is anything being wasted?

Buy in bulk instead of single serving containers.

Consider an item's life-span – pay a little more for something that will last longer so you don't have to replace it as soon.

## Reuse/Repair

Do you need brand-new? Use sites like Free Cycle and Facebook Buy Nothing groups to find free items and share items you no longer need.

Replace disposable items with reusable ones – like water bottles, baggies, or grocery bags.

Can it be fixed instead of throwing it away and buying a new one?

## Repurpose

Be creative! Take something you no longer use and alter it for another use. It can be a craft project or something as simple as using scrap paper for taking notes. Share your ideas with us!

## Recycle

Can it be recycled? "Wishful Recycling" does more harm than good. Contamination rates average 20-25% which reduces recovery and can make entire loads un-usable.

**Curbside recyclables: Paper, Cardboard, Plastic & Glass food/product containers, Aluminum cans**

**Food waste and Yard waste** - compost it

**Plastic Bags** - return to a grocery store

**Fabric/Clothing** - give to clothing drives, Goodwill, or use collection boxes

**Electronics** – bring to an electronics drive or collection center

**Metal** – bring to a recycling facility that accepts metal