Recycling Program

Great News!!

The more items you recycle, the more room you will have in your refuse bins.

Plastic bottles collected from your neighborhood will be made into new plastic products such as carpeting and clothing, garden furniture and accessories, new plastic bottles and a variety of other products.

The recycling industry is experiencing high levels of contamination due to trash in the recycling. **Just remember, when in doubt throw it in the trash.** When nonrecyclable items (contamination) end up in your recycling loads, they have the potential to turn the **entire** load into trash.

Please refer to the following list (**updated June 2021**) to see what common household items are recyclable. Brevard County Solid Waste also maintains a <u>Recyclopedia - Recycling & Re-use Directory</u> to identify where uncommon items can be recycled.

Recycling Guide

Recyclable Kitchen Items

- Aluminum Bottles (beer & soda bottles)
- o Aluminum Cans (do not crush)
- Cardboard Egg Cartons (no plastic or foam cartons)
- Cardboard Food Boxes (flatten box and remove liner bag)
- Cardboard Liquid Cartons (juice, milk, soup, and stock containers)
- Cooking Oil Cans
- Foil Pans
- Glass Bottles (wine, beer, soda, etc.)
- Glass Jars (dressing, pickles, etc.)
- Kitchen Metal Spray Cans (leave lid on)
- Paper Bags (no wax coated or food soiled bags)
- Paper Towel Tubes
- Plastic Bottles (keep caps on)
- Plastic Jars (like peanut butter or honey)
- Plastic Milk & Juice Jugs (keep caps on)
- o Plastic Spray & Pump Bottles (pumps & caps can be left on)
- Plastic Yogurt & Pudding Containers (plastic tubs and lids allowed; no foil lids)
- Tin Cans

Non-recyclable Kitchen Items

- o Drink & Yogurt Pouches
- Drink Lids & Straws
- Drinking Glasses
- Food Storage Bags
- Food Storage Containers
- Food Wrappers
- o Glass Cookware
- Greasy Pizza Boxes
- K-Cup Pods
- Metal Cookware
- Metal Utensils

- Napkins & Paper Towels
- Paper Cups
- o Paper Plate Products
- Plastic Produce & Bakery Containers (lightweight plastic)
- Plastic Shopping Bags
- Plastic Trash Bags
- Plastic Utensils
- Plastic Wrap
- Potato Chip & Snack Bags
- Styrofoam Clam Shells

Recyclable Bathroom Items

- o Aluminum & Steel Cans (shaving cream, mousses, & lotions; caps on)
- Cardboard Soap Boxes (flatten)
- Cardboard Tissue Boxes (flatten)
- Cardboard Toothpaste Boxes (flatten)
- Metal Cream Tins
- o Plastic Bottles (caps on)
- o Plastic Deodorant Dispensers (caps on)
- Plastic Soap & Cream Containers (rinsed out; caps on)
- Plastic Spray & Pump Bottles (pumps & caps can be left on)
- Plastic Wipe Tubs
- Toilet Paper Tubes (no TP on them)

Non-recyclable Bathroom Items

- Diapers
- Disposable Razors
- Floss Containers & Floss Picks
- Hypodermic Needles
- Plastic Prescription Medication Bottles
- Tissue & Toilet Paper
- Toothbrushes & Toothpaste Tubes
- Wipes

Recyclable Office Items

- Colored Paper (do not shred)
- File Boxes (flatten boxes & keep dry)
- File Folders (remove metal & plastic parts)
- Office Paper (clean & dry; do not shred)
- Shipping Tubes (put caps in garbage)
- Sticky Notes (stick them to a larger piece of paper)

Non-recyclable Office Items

- Cables, Cords, & Electronics
- CDs and CD Cases
- Hardcover Books
- Printer Cartridges
- Shredded Paper
- Three-Ring Binders

Recyclable Mailbox Items

- o Cardboard Boxes (flat & dry only)
- Cardboard Packing Inserts (no plastic)
- Envelopes & Letters (do not shred)
- Greeting Cards (put cards with glitter or foil in the garbage)
- Magazines
- o Mail Inserts (such as junk mail; do not shred)
- Newspapers (clean & dry only)
- Packing Paper (no plastic)
- o Phone Books (break into one inch thick sections)
- Shipping Tubes (put caps in garbage)

Non-recyclable Mailbox Items

- Bubble Wrap
- Foam Peanuts
- Molded Foam Packing Material
- Plastic Wrap
- Wrapping Paper

Recyclable Laundry Items

- Cardboard Detergent Boxes
- Cardboard Dryer Sheet Boxes
- Metal Spray Cans (starch and other non-hazardous cleaners; leave lid on)
- Plastic Detergent Tubs (leave lids on)
- Plastic Detergent, Softener, & Bleach Jugs (caps on)
- Plastic Spray & Pump Bottles (pumps & caps can be left on)

Non-recyclable Laundry Items

- Clothing & Fabric
- Dryer Sheets
- Hangers
- Laundry Baskets

Non-recyclable Garbage

- Air Filters
- Batteries
- Bows & Ribbons
- Bug Spray Bottles
- Car Batteries
- Chains
- o Christmas Lights
- Christmas Ornaments (glass balls)
- Concrete
- Dog Poop
- Electronics
- Extension Cords
- Garden Hoses
- Hazardous Cleaning Product Containers
- Hazardous Spray Cans
- Light Bulbs
- Metal Hazardous Cleaner Cans
- Metal or Plastic Paint Cans
- Metal Propane Tanks
- Metal Wire
- Mirror Glass

- Mixed Material Food Cans
- Mixed Material Packages
- Mulch & Soil Bags
- Pet Food Bags
- Plastic Buckets
- Plastic Lawn Decorations
- Plastic Motor Oil Bottles
- Plastic Pesticide Containers
- Plastic Plant Pots
- Plastic Produce & Bakery Containers (lightweight plastic)
- Plastic Storage Bins
- Plastic Toys
- Plastic Yard Furniture
- Rechargeable Tool Batteries
- Rope
- Scrap Metal
- Tires
- Wet Cardboard
- Window Glass
- Wood

Syringes

Syringes **are not accepted** for recycling. They **must** be disposed of through Brevard County Household Used "Sharps" Collection Program. Please call 321-633-2042 for more information.

Recycling Rules

- Please make sure the recycle cart lid is closed all the way. Wet or damp items are considered nonrecyclable.
- Ensure Recyclables are emptied and rinsed out with no food residue.
- Do not bag your recyclables or place loose plastic bags in the recycle cart. Plastic bags
 of any kind are not recyclable and should be returned to your local grocery store.
- Caps do not need to be removed. As long as they remain on the container, they can go in the recycle cart.
- Do not put loose caps in the recycle cart.
- o Flatten small boxes and break them down to fit into the cart.
- Call the Solid waste Division at 321-383-5755 if you have questions