

Curbside Recycling Quick Reference

Place the following **LOOSE** in your curbside recycling cart with the light blue lid:

- METAL Cans & Food Containers – empty & rinsed
- PAPER Mixed, Newspaper, Magazines & Flattened Cardboard
- PLASTIC Kitchen, Laundry & Bath Containers – empty & rinsed
(NO plastic bags, NO wrap, NO foam, NO easily tangled items, and NO bulky items)

Do not bag recyclables – leave them loose - thank you!

Details on Curbside Recycling

METAL

Empty & rinsed aluminum / steel containers such as drink cans, baking pans & food cans (lids removed)

NO tangles (e.g., wires, coat hangers, cables)

NO bulky metals (e.g., car parts, paint cans, propane tanks)

NO aerosol cans

PAPER

Mixed paper, newspaper, office paper & magazines

Gift wrapping paper (non-metallic)

Paperback books, catalogs & phone books

Paper bags

Junk mail & envelopes (remove any hard plastic inserts like promotional credit cards)

Dry goods packaging (empty flour / sugar paper bags)

Paper towel / toilet paper cores

Shredded paper is the only item that may be placed in a CLEAR plastic bag for recycling

NO food / beverage cartons (e.g., milk & juice cartons, broth cartons)

NO wet / dirty paper

NO facial tissue

NO paper towel

NO food-soiled pizza boxes

PLASTIC

Plastic kitchen, laundry, & bath containers

Small plastic tubs & lids

Plastic produce, deli & bakery containers / cups / trays

“Tupperware” style containers

CD/DVD cases (remove and recycle paper inserts separately)

Small plastic flower pots – empty & rinsed

NO bulky plastics – nothing larger than a 5 gal bucket (e.g., large toys, car seats, lawn furniture, large storage bins, water cooler bottles)

NO plastic bags, wrap or film (e.g., bubble wrap, case overwrap, grocery bags)

NO foam aka “Styrofoam” (e.g., ice chests, packing peanuts, cups, plate lunch containers, egg cartons)

NO plastic coat hangers

NO tangles (e.g., strapping, ribbons, rope, garden hoses)

While the recycling numbers/symbols can alert you to the POSSIBILITY of being able to recycle an item in your community, the presence of a recycling number/symbol does not mean that it is accepted in the curbside bin. If an item has a number/ recycling symbol BUT it is bulky, easily tangled, foam, or a plastic bag / wrap – DO NOT put it in your curbside recycling bin.

NOT ACCEPTED IN LAFAYETTE’S CURBSIDE RECYCLING:

No plastic bags, wrap, or film
No foam, aka “Styrofoam”
No yard waste
No food waste
No household trash
No aerosol cans
No glass
No facial tissue / paper towel
No soiled pizza boxes
No food / beverage cartons
No bulky items
No easily tangled items
No clothing / textiles / shoes / accessories
No metal / plastic coat hangers
No furniture
No garden hoses
No lumber
No construction debris
No electronics
No light bulbs
No batteries
No tires
No diapers – dirty nor clean!!!
No crawfish shells – nor any seafood / swamp food shells of any sort.
No dead animals

The Ever Changing Nature of Curbside Recycling:

What is acceptable in the curbside recycling bin is influenced by technology, international markets, economic factors and consumer behavior. As acceptable items change, municipalities and waste management companies work together to inform the public.

Contact the Recycling Office at 337.291.5637 / recycling@lafayettela.gov to answer your questions about what is currently accepted in your curbside recycling bin.