

Trash Talk

Manatee County Curbside Recyclable Guidelines & Rules

Question: When are recyclable materials picked up?

Answer: Recyclables are picked up only on Fridays. The exception is any week containing a national holiday. On weeks containing a national holiday, recyclables pickup day slips one day to Saturday. The county requires that recyclable paper waste be separated into one blue recycle container and all plastic and metal materials be comingled in a second blue recycle container. If you lack the standard blue Manatee County Recycle containers, call 941-798-6761 to request them.

Question: what materials may be recycled?

Answer: The following is what may be recycled and how it is to be separated:
Blue recycle bin #1: **Waste paper** including Newspaper, Junk Mail, Shopping Ads, Windowed Envelopes, Magazines, Office and Computer Paper (All Colors), Phone Books, Greeting Cards and Brown Paper Bags, Fiberboard (Cereal, Cracker, Frozen Food and Soda Boxes), Cardboard. (To recycle cardboard, it must be broken down and placed in your blue, paper recycle bin. Remember, the cardboard must be loose fitting in the bin and they may not extend over the top of the bin more than six inches).

Blue recycle bin #2: Comingled Cans, Plastic, Glass, etc. including Glass Bottles and Jars (all colors), Aluminum and Steel Cans (Soup and Vegetable), Steel Jar Lids, Clean Aluminum Foil and Pie Pans (non-food stained), Empty Aerosol Cans, Milk and Juice Cartons, Plastics # 1-7 (This is any plastic container with a numbered triangle on the container).

Question: what materials **may not be recycled**?

Answer:

Blue recycle bin #1: Unacceptable are Food wrap, gift wrap, paper mixed with food or wax, paper plates, cups or napkins, paper towels, greasy pizza boxes, tissues, or tissue paper.

Blue recycle bin #2: Unacceptable are Ceramics & dishes, coffee pots, crystal, drinking glasses, eyeglasses, light bulbs, mirrors, plate glass, vases & pottery, windows, windshields; Food stained aluminum foil & aluminum pie pans, aluminum siding, appliances, auto parts, deli trays, kitchen utensils, lawn furniture, machines, metal building materials, paint cans, tin roofs, tools, or window frames; any plastic items that do not have #1 through #7 stamped in the recycling symbol on the bottom of the container, including, but not limited to cellophane, clothes hangers, diapers, lawn furniture, plastic bags (recycle at the grocery store), PVC, toxic materials, or plastic toys. (Even though plastic bags and Styrofoam have a recycling triangle symbol with a number, they are not accepted through the Manatee County curbside recycling program. The county requests that homeowners find an alternative method to recycle these items.