



TEXAS DISPOSAL SYSTEMS, INC.

RECYCLING GUIDELINES

Contact our **Customer Care Department** at (512) **421-1340** for any questions on residential recycling service.

HOW TO RECYCLE

- **Place all recyclable items in your TDS provided recycling bin** (clear and opaque plastic bottles and jugs, glass, metal and newspaper).
- Use only your TDS recycle bin. We are not allowed to service a competitor's property.
- Rinse containers and place the lids in your garbage.
- Flatten cans and plastic containers to reduce overfilling the recycling bin.
- Place newspapers on top of the bin.
On windy days place a brick or other heavy object on top of your newspapers.
Newspapers will be accepted even on rainy days.
- Place your recycling at the curb by 7:00 a.m.
- Keep your recycling bin about 3 feet away from your garbage if it is collected on the same day.
- Avoid an overflowing recycle bin on pickup day. Place your bins out for collection frequently.

Bins containing non-recyclable items will have those items left in the bin after collection. Recycling centers consider non-recyclable items as "contamination". Please be a good neighbor and consult your "What to Recycle" guidelines when in doubt.

WHAT TO RECYCLE

PLASTIC

Check 3 things to determine if a **clear or opaque** plastic item is recyclable:

- **Shape:** only plastic bottles can be recycled. The neck must be smaller than the bottom. No other container shape can be recycled (tub, jar, bag, tray, etc.)
- **Type of Plastic:** Determine that your item is a bottle then check the bottom for a #1 or #2 with the recycling arrows around it. Only bottles made from #1 or #2 plastic can be recycled. Other plastic items may have these numbers but **only bottles are recyclable**.
- **Contents:** if the bottle contained motor oil, bug spray, weed killer, adhesives, paints or solvents it CANNOT be recycled regardless of plastic number.

RECYCLE:

- Water, soda, juice bottles
- Milk jugs

CAN'T RECYCLE:

- Yogurt & margarine tubs
- Plastic bags & packing
- Styrofoam
- Microwave trays
- Disposable plates, cups & utensils
- Containers from bakery products, produce, meat and take-out food
- Toys
- Motor oil bottles
- Lids

Metal

Rinse the following containers and place in the recycling bin with your glass containers and plastic bottles.

RECYCLE:

- Aluminum cans (soda, beer, etc.)
- Tin & steel cans (soup, tuna, etc.)

CAN'T RECYCLE:

- Aerosol cans
- Paint & solvent containers
- Scrap metal (nails, screws, gutters, etc.)
- Aluminum foil, pie plates, etc.

GLASS

Only clear and brown glass containers are accepted (**NO green glass**). Rinse glass bottles and jars. Place lids in the trash. Put glass containers in the recycling bin with plastic bottles and metal cans. It is not necessary to remove labels.

RECYCLE:

- Clear glass
- Brown glass

CAN'T RECYCLE:

- Green glass
- Broken glass
- Light bulbs
- Mirrors
- Windowpanes
- Dishes & cups
- Ornaments & decorations

*Broken glass must be properly packaged and labeled before placing in your garbage cart.

NEWSPAPER

Newspapers and inserts must be kept separate from other recyclable items in the bin. Place newspapers on the top of the bin or in a brown-paper grocery bag next to the bin. **Do not use plastic bags!** Plastic bags containing newspapers cannot be picked-up. The recycling centers consider them “contaminated”.

RECYCLE:

- Newspapers & inserts

CAN'T RECYCLE:

- Cardboard
- Magazines & catalogs
- Junk mail & envelopes
- Home office paper
- Phone books
- Pizza boxes
- Egg cartons
- Boxboard (thin cardboard – cereal boxes, shoe boxes, soda cartons, etc.)
- Paper towels, facial or toilet tissue
- Disposable plates & cups
- Greeting cards & wrapping paper

