



General  
Services

## What Happens When We Recycle?

The bottles, cans, paper and cardboard collected for recycling are taken to facilities to be processed and sold to manufacturers who will use the material to make new bottles, cans, paper products, textiles and much more.

## Hazardous Waste Collection Programs

[loudoun.gov/hhw](http://loudoun.gov/hhw)

Loudoun County offers several residential hazardous waste collection events throughout the year for items such as household chemicals, single use or rechargeable batteries, gasoline, automotive fluids and fluorescent light bulbs.

[loudoun.gov/bhwp](http://loudoun.gov/bhwp)

Two business hazardous waste collection events are offered at the county Landfill; preregistration is required.

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# RECYCLING GUIDE

For more information about Loudoun County recycling programs and other recycling opportunities, please call us at **703-771-5500** or visit [loudoun.gov/recycle](http://loudoun.gov/recycle).

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## ✓ ACCEPTED FOR RECYCLING

Loudoun County, in partnership with local curbside recycling service providers, offers the following guidance on what to recycle and how to do it correctly. The full range of what is accepted for recycling may vary among service providers, but the information in this brochure includes the majority of what is actually recyclable through local programs.

If an item is not listed here, assume it is not accepted for curbside recycling. Contact your service provider **before** placing unlisted items into your recycling container.

- ✓ Cardboard
- ✓ Paper Boxes (cereal boxes, etc.)
- ✓ Aluminum Cans
- ✓ Steel Cans, Tin Cans
- ✓ Disposable Aluminum Pans
- ✓ Plastic Bottles, Jugs & Jars
- ✓ Newspaper, Magazines, Catalogs
- ✓ Office Paper
- ✓ Mail
- ✓ Paper Bags
- ✓ Books (remove and discard hard cover)
- ✓ Glass Bottles and Jars (county residents only; town residents should check with their town office)
- ✓ Yard Waste (set out separately)



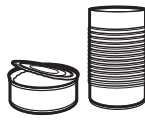
Plastic bottles, jugs and jars **only**



Cardboard and paper



Aluminum cans



Steel cans

## ✗ NOT ACCEPTED FOR RECYCLING

Any item **not** listed in the Accepted For Recycling section should not be included with curbside recycling, and here are some specific items that are **absolutely not accepted**:

- ✗ Food / Food Waste
- ✗ Plastic Bags of any type
- ✗ Any plastic item that is not a bottle, jug, or jar
- ✗ Styrofoam
- ✗ Pesticide / Herbicide Containers
- ✗ Pool Chemical Containers
- ✗ Hazardous Material Containers
- ✗ Motor Oil / Antifreeze Containers
- ✗ Pressurized Tanks
- ✗ Batteries, Electronics, Light Bulbs
- ✗ Diapers, Clothing, Textiles
- ✗ Pizza Boxes, Napkins, Tissues, Paper Towels
- ✗ Paper Plates
- ✗ Shredded Paper
- ✗ Twine, String, Wire, Cables, Cords, Hoses
- ✗ Medical Waste, Syringes, Needles
- ✗ Rubber Hoses, Latex Gloves, Face Masks
- ✗ Scrap Metal

## GLASS BOTTLE AND JAR RECYCLING

A separate collection program for glass bottles and jars is being established at Loudoun County Recycling Centers. Look for the purple recycling bin and follow the instructions for how to recycle glass bottles and jars.

Currently glass collected through curbside recycling programs is used as aggregate for landfill road construction, cover material for landfilled waste or the glass is simply disposed of as waste.

Companies that provide curbside recycling service within the county's jurisdiction (i.e. not the towns) are still required to collect glass bottles and jars for recycling.

## RECYCLING DROP-OFF CENTERS

Find your closest recycling center at [loudoun.gov/recycle](http://loudoun.gov/recycle)

There are eight public recycling centers that accept typical household quantities of bottles, jugs, jars, cardboard and paper available to all county residents and businesses free of charge.

- Refer to the Accepted for Recycling section for acceptable materials.
- Help keep these facilities clean by not leaving any items on the ground, not overfilling the collection containers and not depositing items that are not accepted.
- If all containers are full, please take your recyclables with you and either return at another time or find another center.
- Collection schedules are posted at each location to help you plan your next visit.

## LANDFILL RECYCLING SERVICES

Learn more at [loudoun.gov/landfill](http://loudoun.gov/landfill)

Materials Accepted:

- Bottles, Cans, Jugs, Jars, Paper, Cardboard
  - Motor Oil, Antifreeze, Oil Filters
  - Automotive Batteries
  - Tires,\* Scrap Metal,\* Propane Tanks\*
  - Refrigerated Appliances\*
  - Latex Paint,\* Yard Waste\*
- (\*Fees Apply)

## RECYCLE RESPONSIBLY

- Bottles, cans, jugs and jars must be empty and rinsed clean.
- Place recyclables loosely in recycling bin.
- Do not use plastic bags for recycling.
- Do not use cardboard boxes to hold other recyclables.
- Cardboard boxes must be empty and flattened.
- Keep bin covered.