

Q&A

What happens to the material you put in your cart?

It is separated by type, baled and sent to secondary markets.

How clean does the material need to be before it goes in the cart?

In order to bring the best price at market, **recyclable material needs to be Clean and Dry**. We don't advocate using a lot of water to accomplish this – sometimes a swipe with a paper towel is all it takes.

How come I could recycle different things where I used to live?

Recycle markets vary over time and by region. Lee County is currently offering curbside recycling for the **five** materials listed.



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THE **GOOD** GUYS -

ONLY 5 MATERIALS

belong in your recycle cart -



Paper

any kind except soiled, shredded, metallic or waxed



Metal

metal cans made of aluminum or steel (tin) aluminum foil and disposable foil pans



Cardboard

any kind of box without a waxed coating



Plastic

containers labeled #1 - #7



Glass

bottles and jars that are clear, green or brown

THE **BAD** GUYS -

NO **Film or Foam Plastics** - that means any kind of plastic bag, pool cover, bubble wrap, Styrofoam dishes of any kind, packing material or packing peanuts.

NO **"Stringy Things"** - garden hoses, pool hoses, extension cords, Christmas lights, rope.

NO **Clothing** - no clothing including shoes.

NO **Scrap metal** - that includes tools, car parts and appliances. Take it to a scrap yard or put it in your trash and we'll recover it from the combustion ash.

NO **Food scraps or animal waste** - neither of these things belong in your recycle cart!

Don't be a Wish-cycler

Just because an item is recyclable doesn't mean it's recyclable in your **curbside cart**.

Wish-cyclers include extra items in their recycle cart and hope for the best. **This method of "recycling" is the most expensive and highest impact form of disposal.**

A wish-cycled item must be

Collected → Transported → Sorted → Rejected → Loaded
→ Transported again → Disposed of

