WHEN IN DOUBT, LEAVE IT OUT

Recycling contamination (placing prohibited items in the recycling cart) damages the process. Contaminants can shut down equipment at recycling facilities, creating safety hazards for workers, increasing the cost of recycling programs, and ruining good recyclables.

DOWNLOAD THE APP!

The Tampa Trash & Recycling App is a one-stop resource for any questions about disposal. Use the Waste Sort tool to look up how to get rid of any item.

Download on the App Store

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RECYCLING PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

- All accepted recyclables must be larger than the size of your fist. Lids and caps must be removed.
- Recycables must be dry, empty, clean, and rinsed.
- Focus only on the items listed. Do not use numbers on plastics as a guide. Not all items with the recycling symbol are recyclable curbside.
- Place cart at the curb the night before your designated pickup day, or before 6 a.m. on your pickup day. Cart must be removed from the curb by end of service day.
- Carts must have a 3-foot clearance on all sides.
- All recyclable material must be *inside* the cart for collection.
- Ensure cart lid is down to prevent items from getting wet.

RECYCLING DROP-OFF STATION

McKay Bay
114 S 34th St.
Tampa, FL 33605

Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri
7am to 5:30pm
Wed & Sat
7am to 3:30pm

For updates on drop-off locations, please visit our website.

City of Tampa Florida

For more recycling and waste reduction information download our app, call (813) 274-8811, or visit

tampa.gov/Recycle

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CITY OF TAMPA CURBSIDE RECYCLING GUIDELINES

Know before you throw!

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Department of Solid Waste & Environmental Program Management

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ACCEPTED ITEMS

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PAPER

Junkmail, office paper, newspaper, magazines, paper bags, postcards, or paperback books

***NO** shredded paper, paper cups or plates, hardcover books, receipts or napkins/towels*

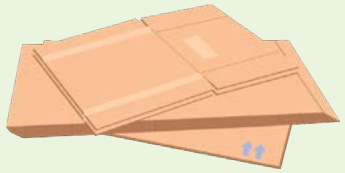
PAPERBOARD

Paper towel rolls, toilet paper rolls, boxes, or egg cartons

***NO** plastic-lined items such as beverage cartons or ice cream tubs*

CARDBOARD

Flattened and loosely inside of cart (jammed in boxes may not fall out for collection)



***NO** wet cardboard, foam/plastic packaging or pizza/soiled food boxes*

PLASTIC BOTTLES

Beverage, condiment, hygiene, or cleaning products

PLASTIC JUGS

Beverage, detergent, or cleaning products

***NO** caps, food or liquid residue, spray nozzles/ pumps, or other plastic items of any kind*

TIN/ALUMINUM CANS AND BOTTLES

Beverage and food

***NO** food or liquid residue, detached can lids, aerosol cans, or other metal items of any kind*

GLASS BOTTLES AND JARS

Beverage and food

***NO** caps/lids,corks, food or liquid residue, or other glass items of any kind*

SEE IT HERE?

PLACE IT HERE!

When in doubt, leave it out!

Still have a question?

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Only the items pictured above are accepted in your curbside recycling cart.

Below are a few unaccepted items that commonly get placed in the recycling cart.

PLASTIC BAGS

PIZZA BOXES

FOAM ITEMS

BUBBLE MAILERS

WRAP/FILM

PLASTICWARE

REMEMBER:
Clean (no food or liquid residue), recyclable items should be loose in the cart and not bagged.