

RECYCLING PICK-UP CHANGING

By Public Works Department

One of the essential functions of our refuse collection is recycling. Over the years, the Town has been providing "blue bags" to residents to help promote recycling. As much as this program has helped, it has become outdated. The use of the "blue bags" requires staff at the landfill to handle the bags, open them, then sort through the contents. These bags cannot be recycled, so they end up as trash. In short, the use of "blue bags" is working against us. To keep the Town moving in a positive direction for recycling, "blue bags" will no longer be available or distributed by the Town effective July 1, 2021, or when our current supply runs out.

Staff is working on alternatives for our recycling program. Here is a reminder for recycling to be placed curbside before 6:00 AM on Wednesday:

- Glass is NOT accepted
- Plastic - Plastic bottles, bowls, cups, plates, containers, etc. that are imprinted with either the number one (1) or the number (2). These numbers are typically found on the bottom of the item surrounded by a recycling symbol
- Steel and Aluminum - Only steel, aluminum, and tin food and beverage containers. No Styrofoam, no aerosol cans, no plastic bags (grocery bags), and no cardboard or paper in the recycle bags
 - Remove all lids and tops and put them in the garbage
 - Rinse all containers to reduce odors and attraction to insects and rodents
 - Crush all items whenever possible
 - Place all these items into the Recycle bag and tie the bag at the top
- **Cardboard - Corrugated Cardboard**
 - Remove ALL packing materials, including newspaper, styrofoam, peanuts, shredded paper, wood pieces, etc
 - Break down as many boxes as possible and put them into one larger empty box. This is for corrugated boxes only—no cereal boxes, cake boxes, 12 pack soda cases, etc
 - For corrugated cardboard, you must be on the weekly list for pick up. To get on the list, contact Public Works at (540) 347-1858 any time before the day of collection. If you need a pick-up every week, you will be placed on the permanent list

- **Mixed Paper - Newspaper, Magazines, and Phone Books**
 - Tie up bundles with string, or place in paper bags, NOT PLASTIC bags

The following items are not picked up curbside; however, a drop-off container is located at 360 Falmouth Street for mixed office paper.

Mixed Office Paper:

- Computer Paper
- Paper Envelopes
- Sticky Notes
- Colored paper, fax, blueprints
- Junk mail - not shiny or containing wax type coating
- Office paper - white paper, stationery, index cards, plain bond, tablet sheets, etc.
- Shredded paper

Not Acceptable:

- Newspapers and Magazines - there is a curbside collection for this
- Telephone Books - Place at curbside with newspapers
- Thin cardboard
- Glossy paper with wax type coating
- Ground wood paper
- Paper clips, rubber bands, and staples

If you do not see your items listed above as "acceptable," check out the Fauquier County Recycling website <https://www.fauquiercounty.gov/government/departments-a-g/environmental-services>. They collect a myriad of items for recycling at their site, including electronics, household items, even clothing! Just because we don't pick it up doesn't mean it's not recyclable!



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