

# Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) - Recycling Drop-off & Garbage

## WHAT CAN I RECYCLE?

All items should be clean, empty and dry. These items are accepted:

### Paper

- Mail, office and school paper
- Newspapers, magazines, catalogs, phone books
- Paperback books
- Brown paper bags
- Fiberboard boxes (cracker/cereal)
- Corrugated cardboard (flattened and 2'x3' or smaller)

### Plastics

- Numbered 1-3, 5 and 7
- Water/soda bottles
- Detergent bottles
- Cleaning solution bottles

### Cartons

- Milk and creamer containers
- Juice boxes
- Soup and broth containers

### Glass

- Green, brown or clear bottles and jars (discard lids with garbage)

### Metal

- Steel food containers
- Aluminum cans
- Aluminum baking pans

## WHAT CAN'T I RECYCLE?

These items are not accepted:

- Any #4 Plastics (LDPE) - Includes items such as cling (Saran) wrap, sandwich bags, plastic garbage or grocery bags
- Any #6 Plastics (Polystyrene) - Includes items such as all types of Styrofoam, packing peanuts, plastic cutlery, hangers, and medicine bottles

- Aerosol cans
- Shredded paper
- Weapons
- Batteries
- Fireworks or flares
- Needles
- Cables or wires
- Rubber
- Food or yard waste

Remember, just because an item might contain a recyclable material does not mean it can be recycled. Most recyclable items, including plastics, will be marked with recycling symbol.

### **CAN I BRING MY RECYCLABLES TO DROP-OFF IN PLASTIC BAGS?**

Please do NOT bring your recyclables in loose plastic bags. Although plastic bags and wraps are often made of recyclable material, they cannot be processed and separated from the rest of recycled materials at single-stream recycling facilities. These facilities use a variety of mechanical means to sift through the tons of materials that enter the sorting line. Because plastic bags and wraps are extremely pliable, they can get tangled up in the equipment, causing shutdowns and endangering the workers who must remove them.

### **WHAT ARE THE HOURS?**

Hours for recycling drop-off will be Monday through Saturday from sunrise to sunset.

### **IS IT FREE?**

Yes. There is no cost for recycling drop-off.

### **WHAT ELSE IS THE CITY DOING TO ADDRESS THIS PROBLEM?**

Many employees in the Solid Waste Division are working seven days a week to fill gaps. Also, City employees with CDL driver's licenses have been working overtime to help with collection operations.

To assist with yard waste collections, the City has activated the City's Debris Management contractor and has continued to utilize City Employees to supplement these efforts. On Tuesday, Mayor Curry will introduce legislation for a yard waste transfer station. This would assist in reducing run times for crews throughout parts of the City. The legislation would introduce a fee reduction for residents that prefer to drop off yard waste at the existing Trail Ridge facility. Costs would be one dollar total for up to 500 pounds of yard waste. Yard waste would be accepted Monday through Saturday.