

RECYCLE 5 FOR THE SMART 5 THE CART



ONLY 5 MATERIALS BELONG IN YOUR RECYCLE CART

THE GOOD GUYS

Paper

any kind except soiled, shredded, metallic or waxed.

Plastic

only containers labeled 1 or 2. This includes water, soda and milk jugs.

Cardboard

any kind of cardboard without a waxed coating.

Metal

metal cans made of steel (tin).

Aluminum

cans and aluminum foil pans.

THE BAD GUYS

Film or Foam Plastics

any kind of plastic bag, pool cover, bubble wrap, styrofoam dishes, or packing material cannot be accepted.

“Stringy Things”

garden hoses, pool hoses, extension cords, Christmas lights, rope are not accepted.

Glass

The City of Griffin is not currently collecting glass items.

Scrap Metal

tools, car parts and appliances cannot be recycled. Take it to the scrap yard.

Personal/Household Waste

clothing, food scraps and animal waste cannot be placed in your recycling 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

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 will do.

Why is it that I could recycle different things where I used to live?

Recycling markets vary over time and by region. The City of Griffin is currently offering curbside recycling for the five materials listed.

Q&A

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