

Paper And Cardboard:

Materials should be clean, dry enough to maintain structure, and free of glitter, foils, and other contaminants

Popular paper and cardboard materials accepted:

- paper all thicknesses
- envelopes (with or without windows)
- cardboard boxes
- cereal boxes
- magazines
- books
- notepads
- newspapers



Plastics:

Plastics must be empty, can be capped with their original style (no foamers or pump tops), and be larger than a credit card. Popular plastics are:

Tubs

- yogurt
- detergents
- household cleaners

Bottles

- juice/Soda/Water
- milk
- spices
- prescription
- laundry detergent
- shampoos and soaps

Jars

- peanut butter
- nuts/trail mixes
- candy

Jugs

- milk
- detergents
- household cleaners

Blue Bin Material Guide

Metals:

Metals are one of the most popular materials, however, only a fraction go into your blue bin. The only the following empty recyclable metals accepted in your blue bin are:

Cans:

- soda/water/alcohol
- food and dry goods

Tins:

- cookie/popcorn
- storage

Glass:

Mixed glass is accepted in your blue bin. Materials must be empty. Popular glass containers include:

Bottles

- wine/beer/spirits
- water
- salad dressing

Jars

- sauce
- mason
- various butters

Contact Us

Call: 301-600-2960

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Keep these items OUT of your blue bin:



Plastic Bags
Return recyclable bags to retail drop-offs.



Soiled Paper or Cardboard
(such as pizza boxes)



Shredded Paper



Cups, Plates or Cutlery of Any Kind



Plastic Bins and Hinged Containers
(such as produce bins and takeout containers)



Tanks or Scrap Metal
(only metal cans are recyclable in a blue bin)



"Tanglers"
(hoses, cords, chains, etc.)



Food or Yard Waste



Paper Towels, Napkins or Wet/Dirty Paper

What Makes Something Recyclable In the Blue Bin Program?

Frederick County works with contracted third parties to help operate and create a sustainable and transparent program.

These programs include: curbside, our recycling center, and special programs.

In order for a material to be accepted into curbside the following applies.

1. **Established technology to collect and sort:** This is why many newer materials aren't accepted, because manufacturers develop faster than the technology. Or a material can be harmful to existing technology and cause breakdowns which drive up costs.

2. **Has a Market:** Recycling is a commodity and different materials have different values. Some materials don't have a market. Being good stewards means we don't accept items that don't have a sustainable market.

3. **Effectively Collected:** Our bins are 95 Gallons at most, which means some items that are recyclable just aren't effectively collected. Which is why certain rigid plastics, motor oil, and scrap metal are collected separately.

When is my Recycling Collection?

Your Bi-Weekly Collection can be found by inputting your address in the Recycle Coach app! Scan the QR code on the front!

What if I don't know if an item is recycled in my blue bin?

When in doubt...Throw it out!

Who can Recycle At the Reichs Ford Road Recycling Center?

Any resident of Frederick County may use at no cost the recycling center.

Accepted items include appliances, scrap metal, small amounts of yard waste, flexible foam, certain bulky rigid plastics, cooking oils, and other items you can't place in your blue bin.