

# ANCHORAGE RECYCLING GUIDE

MATERIAL	Curbside Programs	Anchorage Recycling Center	Landfill Recycling Area	Carrs parking lots	Central Recycling Services	Schnitzer Steel	Total Reclaim	Other Locations
Plastic Bottles	●	●	●					
Plastic Jugs	●	●	●					
Plastic Bags and Film		●			●			Carrs / Fred Meyer / Lowe's / Target / Walmart store entryways (grocery bags only)
Glass Bottles and Jars		●			●			
Office Paper / Mixed Paper	●	●	●					
Cardboard	●	●	●		●			<b>Downtown:</b> 239 W. 4th (C St. between 3rd & 4th)
Newspaper	●	●	●	●				Anchorage Daily News (1001 Northway Dr.)
Telephone Books	●	As mixed paper	As mixed paper	During specified months				Visit <a href="http://www.thinkyellowgreen.com">www.thinkyellowgreen.com</a> for dates and additional locations
Aluminum Cans	●	●	●	●	●	●		
Steel Cans	●	●			●	●		
Scrap metals <i>(fees apply in some cases)</i>		During business hours			●	●	● non-ferrous* only	Anchorage Regional Landfill and Central Transfer Station (appliances only) Autocat Recycling (1211 E. 68th Ave.) Hilltop Recycling (16849 Old Glenn Hwy., Chugiak)
Electronics <i>(fees apply in most cases)</i>							●	Anchorage Regional Landfill Hazardous Waste Collection Center (for businesses only) Best Buy (all locations)
Fluorescent Lamps/CFLs**							●	Home Depot (all locations)

\*Non-ferrous metals include aluminum, brass, and copper. They don't stick to a magnet. \*\*Fluorescent lamps also can be taken to SWS hazardous waste facilities for proper disposal. See page 10.

See pages 5 and 9 for contact information. See page 8 for Carrs and other drop-off locations.

## Curbside Tips

Residential curbside recycling service is provided by two different entities in Anchorage.

See the map on page 8 for service boundaries. If you are in the Solid Waste Services service area, your recycling cart is blue. If you are in the Alaska Waste service area, your recycling cart is green with a yellow lid. For service questions or issues, be sure to contact your provider.

Alaska Waste ..... 563-3717 ..... [www.alaskawaste.com](http://www.alaskawaste.com)

Municipality of Anchorage Solid Waste Services ... 343-6250 ..... [www.muni.org/sws](http://www.muni.org/sws)



### No Curbside Glass or Plastic Bags

Do not put glass or plastic bags in your curbside recycling cart. Glass is recycled here in Alaska rather than being shipped out of state. Plastic bags are baled separately and shipped out of state.

### Place Carts for Ease of Collection

Leave at least three feet of space around and between your carts so the automated trucks have enough room to pick them up. Close the lid completely on your cart, and be sure the handle is facing your house. Check for obstacles like snow banks, mailboxes, trees, cars, and telephone poles when setting out your carts.



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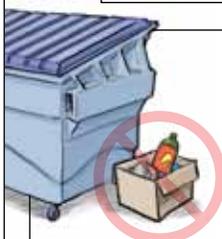
What's accepted	What to leave out
#1 PET bottles with neck and screw top (beverage bottles), caps	Other numbered plastics, plastic produce and take-out containers
#2 HDPE jugs with neck and screw top (milk and detergent jugs), caps	Other numbered plastics, cups, tubs, oil/chemical containers
Stretchy plastic film, like grocery bags, drycleaner bags, bubble wrap, stretch wrap, shrink wrap	Food-contaminated bags, bags with paper labels affixed, crinkly film like cereal box liners and snack bags
Glass bottles and jars, rinsed	Pyrex, laboratory glass, windshield glass, porcelain, ceramics, TV/computer glass, boxes, bags, lids, caps, or corks
White/colored paper, glossy paper, junk mail, window envelopes, paperboard (cereal boxes, paper towel rolls), gift wrap, paper egg cartons. Staples and paper clips okay	Milk cartons, juice boxes, hardcover books (unless binding and cover are removed), binder clips, plastic or metal bindings
Corrugated boxes Clean pizza boxes Brown paper grocery bags	Waxed corrugated, Fish boxes Non-corrugated paper, Cereal Boxes Soiled, wet cardboard
Newspaper and its inserts	Plastic bags, other paper
Telephone directories	Other paper, plastic bags
Aluminum beverage cans, rinsed (don't stick to magnets)	Scrap metal, steel, aluminum foil, aluminum pet food cans
Steel food and beverage cans, rinsed (DO stick to magnets)	Scrap metal, aluminum
Aluminum cans, aluminum scrap, brass, copper, stainless steel, radiators, lead, tin, cables. Appliances and vehicles at some locations. Call for details	Refrigerants, asbestos, oils, gasoline, petroleum products, antifreeze, lead-acid batteries, PCBs, automobile airbags, paint cans or other paint containers, acetylene bottles, fluorescent lamps, neon, high intensity or mercury vapor lights, circuit boards, hazardous or toxic substances, military scrap, explosives or explosive residues, radioactive materials, tires, wood, dirt, yard debris, concrete, asphalt, glass, rubber or other non-metallic materials
Televisions, computer monitors, computers, laptops, keyboards, mice, modems, external drives, scanners, printers, copiers, cables, other computer peripherals, VCRs, DVD players, stereos, radios, phones, fax machines, camcorders, electric typewriters, microwave ovens, telephones, cell phones and most media (floppies, CDs, DVDs, VHS tapes)	Smoke detectors, vacuum cleaners, EXIT signs, lighting ballasts
Whole long tubular fluorescent lamps, round tubular lamps, small screw-in or pop-in compact fluorescent lamps of all styles	Ballasts, broken lamps, incandescent light bulbs,* LED lamps <i>*Total Reclaim will accept non-PCB ballasts, incandescent bulbs, and broken lamps.</i>

## Flatten Your Cardboard

Whether you're recycling curbside or at a drop-off location, flatten your cardboard so it fits! Unflattened cardboard increases the labor costs of recycling by increasing the number of times bins need to be hauled.

## Bottle Caps Are Okay

You can now recycle plastic caps from your bottles and jugs. Just empty the bottle or jug, flatten or crush it if possible and put the screw cap back on before tossing it in your recycling bin.



## Not All Plastics Are The Same - Only recycle the specific plastics indicated above.

Some items may have the same number on the bottom as recyclable plastics but are a different shape. You'll need to look at both the number and the type of container. First, it must be #1 (PET) or #2 (HDPE). Second, it must be a bottle or jug, with a screw top and neck. Remember, "check for the neck." Soda and water bottles, and milk and juice jugs are recyclable, but dairy product cups and tubs, and berry baskets are not recyclable in Anchorage. The different shapes are formed using different processes so are recycled separately and the recycling markets are not as strong for the latter types of plastic containers.



**Left Items Are Litter** - Items left outside of the designated bins at any recycling location are considered litter and will be discarded as trash. If the bin is full, please don't leave your items near the bin as it will not be recycled. Excessive littering around bins jeopardizes the future of the recycling program.

## If In Doubt, Leave It Out

Read all signage on recycling bins and follow instructions. If an item is not on the list of acceptable items, don't put it in the bin.