



Residential Curbside Recycling in Fort Collins: Designated Materials and General Preparation Guidelines

If you subscribe to curbside recycling service in Fort Collins, you generally may mix the following items in your recycling container(s):

Containers



- ✓ **Clean #1-#7 * plastic bottles, tubs and containers** (clear clamshells and yogurt containers are okay; no plastic bags, pesticide or motor oil containers, Styrofoam, microwavable trays or containers larger than 2.5 gallons)
- ✓ **Glass bottles and jars of any color** (no light bulbs, plate glass, ceramics or cookware.) Note: Want to ensure that nearly 100% of your glass is recycled back into new bottles? Take your clean glass to the Fort Collins glass-only bins at the Rivendell Recycling Facility, 1702 Riverside, or at Chippers, 217 W. Horsetooth)
- ✓ **Aluminum cans** (don't crush or flatten cans)
- ✓ **Steel (tin) cans** (labels are okay)
- ✓ **Metal jar lids and bottle caps**
- ✓ **Empty aerosol cans** (no caps)
- ✓ **Aluminum foil** (flatten; clean foil only)

Paper



- ✓ **Newspapers and newspaper inserts** (no plastic bags)
- ✓ **Magazines and catalogs**
- ✓ **Opened junk mail** (please open your mail to remove any promotional stickers, credit cards, membership cards, or other non-paper items)
- ✓ **Office paper**

NOTE: Dark and fluorescent colored office paper and colored sticky notes are NOT recyclable because they bleed inks.

Cardboard and paperboard



- ✓ **Corrugated cardboard** (packing boxes and pizza boxes)
- ✓ **Brown paper grocery bags**
- ✓ **Paperboard** (cereal boxes, clothing boxes, greeting cards, tissue paper, egg cartons)
- ✓ **Phone books** (use drop-off centers for large quantities)

Fort Collins haulers have agreed on uniform preparation guidelines for cardboard to ensure the materials can be efficiently collected.

1. Cardboard should not exceed 2' x 2' in size (oversized pieces must be cut down)
2. Items must be placed inside the recycle bin
3. Boxes must be broken down along the folds (please do not smash them flat)
4. Remove all materials, packaging, and other items from inside the boxes
5. Pizza boxes are allowed as long as all food particles are removed

For more information contact your hauler or the City of Fort Collins Natural Resources Department at 221.6600, or visit www.fcgov.com/recycling.

* Check with haulers if you have question. Haulers are required to accept Plastic items #1-2 but may also take #1-7.