Recycling Guidelines



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MIXED RECYCLE

For Weekly PICKUPS



MIXED RECYCLE - NO

NO FOOD – NO TRASH – NO PLASTIC BAGS

PAPER

NO Paper with plastic, wax, or foil coatings
NO Thermal paper – receipts, faxes
NO Shredded paper
NO Paper soiled with food –
Include these with your food scraps instead!
Paper napkins, paper towels
Torn up greasy pizza boxes
BPI certified food containers
Shredded paper

PLASTIC

NO Styrofoam™
NO Plastic without a triangle number
NO CD/DVDs or their cases
NO Plastic bags or packaging
Use Laundry Room Plastic Bag Bin
NO Plastic Utensils

METAL

NO SCRAP METAL - **Put in trash**
- Pots, pans, utensils, metal hangers
- Lamps, small appliances, tools

NO ELECTRONICS - *Save for Electronics Day*
- Computers, printers, monitors, TVs
- Smart phones, electronic gadgets

GLASS

NO Drinking glasses, crystal, vases
NO Glass cookware
NO Light bulbs
NO Mirrors

PLASTIC BAGS & PACKAGING – YES

Place in laundry room containers

- ✅ Retail plastic shopping bags
- ✅ Bubble wrap
- ✅ Deflated shipping “pillows”
- ✅ Plastic shipping envelopes
- ✅ Plastic protective bags
- ✅ Dry cleaning bags
- ✅ Newspaper sleeves
- ✅ Retail plastic bread and produce bags
- ✅ Plastic cereal box liners
- ✅ Plastic food storage bags and Zip Lock bags

PLASTIC BAGS AND PACKAGING – NO

REUSE or put in your TRASH

- Cloth shopping bags
- Woven plastic shopping bags
- Compostable bags
  – *Use for your food scraps*
- Biodegradable bags
  – *Use as a trash bag*
- Candy and snack bags
- Frozen food bags
- Pet food bags
- Net or mesh bags
- Plastic food wrap
- Six-pack rings- cut before disposal
- Floral and other crinkly wrap
- Soil and fertilizer bags
- PPE – gloves, masks, etc.

METAL

Products containing copper, steel, brass, iron, and other common metals

- **Pots, pans, and other metal cookware**
- **Lamps**
- **Electric extension cords**
- **Cables (TV, stereo, USB)**
- **Small kitchen appliances (mixers, toasters, hot plates)**
- **Kitchen tools (knives, metal utensils/containers)**
- **Hand and power tools**
- **Sewing machines and equipment**
- **Hair dryers, steam irons**
- **Vacuum cleaners**

6 If in working condition, consider donating to the Treasure Sale. If not, save for when dumpster is on site.

METAL – NO

Don't include items that are better to recycle elsewhere

- NO **Electronics**
  - ***Save for Electronics Recycling Day***
  - **Computers**
  - **Monitors/printers**
  - **Tablets**
  - **Cell phones**
  - **Other electronic gadget**
- NO **Light bulbs**
- NO **Batteries**

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OTHER

Batteries - NO

Paper Documents with personal information
– to be shredded

Light Bulbs (Call Housekeeping)
- Compact Fluorescent Light (CFL)
- Light-Emitting Diode (CFL)
- Incandescent

Sharps (Call Housekeeping)

Ink Cartridges (Take to Computer Club Labs)
- Ink Jet Cartridges
- Laser Cartridges

ELECTRONICS

Save for the Electronic Recycling Event

***Smart* devices**
Certified data destruction provided

- Computers, laptops, tablets
- Mobile phones, iPods, Mp3, GPS
- Monitors/TVs (flat screen only)
- Printers, Hard/DVD Drives
- Keyboards, mice, accessories
- CD/DVDs and cases
- Radios & Stereos

ELECTRONICS – NO

- NO Kitchen Appliances
- NO Light Bulbs
- NO Electric Blankets
- NO Air Purifiers/Humidifiers
- NO Vacuum Cleaners
- NO Electric Bikes
- NO Gym Equipment
- NO Equipment with Freon

FOOD COMPOSTING

Take to your Drop-off Location
Wednesdays, 9:30AM – 11AM
In Compostable Bags

Acceptable

- Fruit, Nuts and Vegetables
- Coffee Grounds
- Meat, Bones, Pet Food
- Bread, Pasta, Cereal, Grains
- Eggs, Egg Shells, Cheese
- Seafood, Shellfish, Shells
- Houseplant Trimmings
- Paper Tea Bags

FOOD COMPOSTING – NO

Unacceptable

NO Plastics

NO Metals

NO Bulk Grease or Fat

NO Liquids

NO Pet/Human Waste

NO Tissues, Wipes, Napkins

NO Medications

NO Cleaning Products

NO Dirt or Soil

NO Cardboard, including pizza boxes

NO Recyclable Paper

NO Trash

DONATION

On-campus alternatives

- Household goods & jewelry
  - Donate to the Treasure Sale
- Used clothing
  - Call Treasure Sale for pickup
- Wheelchairs, rollators, walkers
  - Call Parish Office (601-8530) to donate

DISPOSAL

On-campus alternatives

- **Expired & unused medicine**
  - ***Take to the Medication Disposals quarterly at Fireside Lobby and Cross Creek Lobby***