

Guidelines for Recycling in Your Curbside Bin

Guidelines	PAPER	PLASTIC	METAL	GLASS
Examples of Items Acceptable in Curbside Bins	<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Brown paper bags✓ Cardboard✓ Cartons (e.g. milk and juice)✓ Cereal boxes, shoe boxes✓ Envelopes✓ Magazines, catalogs✓ Manilla file folders✓ Newspaper, inserts, coupons✓ Paper, flyers✓ Unwanted mail✓ Pizza boxes (without pizza)✓ Soft covered books✓ Wrapping paper, plain	<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ All “containers” (#1 and #2 preferred)✓ Beverage bottles (e.g. water, milk, soft drinks)✓ Fruit and vegetable containers (spinach, berries)✓ Food containers (margarine, cottage cheese, mayonnaise)✓ Shampoo, soap, laundry detergent bottles	<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Aluminum drink cans✓ Steel food cans (with lids attached or loose)✓ Aerosol cans (caps removed)	<div></div> <p>GLASS NO LONGER ACCEPTED</p>
How to Prepare Material	<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Flatten✓ Discard plastic screw on lids from cartons✓ Remove contaminates when easy	<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Rinse✓ Reattach plastic screw-on lids to plastic bottles and jars✓ Discard pop-off lids and pumps	<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Rinse✓ Leave food lids partially attached, insert lid and dent can or leave lid loose✓ Leave tabs attached to aluminum beverage cans✓ Remove and discard plastic caps and nozzles from aerosol cans	
Acceptable Contamination	<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Clear view cover on envelopes✓ Metal clasps on envelopes✓ Tape on cardboard	<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Paper labels	<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Paper labels	
Contaminants to Remove and Discard	<ul style="list-style-type: none">X Plastic lids on cardboard cartons	<ul style="list-style-type: none">X Pop-off lids and pumps	<ul style="list-style-type: none">X Food and beverages	
Examples of Items NOT Acceptable in Curbside Bins	<ul style="list-style-type: none">X Any paper post-it note size or smallerX DiapersX Hard cover booksX Padded envelopesX Paper plates, cupsX Paper towels, napkins, tissuesX PhotographsX Shredded paperX Wrapping paper with foil or glitter	<ul style="list-style-type: none">X Hangers, hoses and other long, thin itemsX Food storage bagsX Pill bottles and other items palm size or smallerX Plastic grocery bags (empty or full)X Rigid plastics (e.g. kids’ toys)X Single use cups, silverware, plates, straws	<ul style="list-style-type: none">X Aluminum foil, pans, traysX AppliancesX Automobile partsX Cookie sheetsX ElectronicsX HangersX Paper clipsX Pots and pansX Scrap metalX Spiral binding	
Other Materials NOT accepted in Curbside Recycling Bins: Styrofoam, ceramics, hazardous materials (e.g. needles, chemicals, automotive fluids, fire extinguishers)				



Glass Is No Longer Accepted in Your Curbside Recycling Bin

- When glass is combined and transported with other recyclable materials, it is easily broken.



- Bagging glass is not an option because plastic bags get caught in the sorting equipment, it is too time consuming to open the bags and bags often contain trash or hazardous materials.
- Glass pieces are easily contaminated with small pieces of paper, metal lids and other small, loose objects that should never be placed in curbside recycling containers.
- Glass from curbside bins looks like "mush." Only 60% can be recycled and it is very expensive.
- However, when glass is taken to Lexington County's 11 Collection and Recycling Centers or to the Edmund Landfill and is separated by color (clear, brown and other), the glass can easily be recycled into new glass products an infinite number of times and the County receives revenues to help cover the cost of other recyclables.

Where to Recycle Glass Jars and Bottles

Please put glass jars and bottles (without lids) in the "Glass" containers at any of the County's 11 Collection and Recycling Centers. Separate by color (clear, brown, other).

Continue to put other, non-recyclable treated and flat/plate glass materials (dishware, windows, mirrors, light fixtures, etc.) in your curbside trash or in the "Yard Waste" container at the Collection and Recycling Centers.

Questions?

Please contact Lexington County Solid Waste Mngt.
(803) 755-3325 or www.lex-co.sc.gov/solidwaste

You can still recycle glass at your nearest
Lexington County Landfill located at:
3241 Charleston Hwy. Cayce, SC 29033

Need to contact the City of Cayce Sanitation Department?

Call Thomas White or Ricky Roof at
803-550-9527 or 803-739-5907