



**PUBLIC WORKS  
SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT**

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## Weekly Recycling FAQ

### **Do I qualify for curbside recycling?**

All Kansas City, Kansas residents from single-family homes up to four-plex units qualify for curbside recycling. The residential recycling program does not include businesses, apartment complexes, trailer courts, or homeowner associations that privately contract these services.

### **How do I get a free recycling bin?**

Free recycling bins are not available at this time, but Public Works' Solid Waste team is working to secure a grant that would assist in returning this service to the community.

### **Do I need a green recycling bin to participate?**

No, you do not need a green recycling bin to participate in curbside recycling. Residents can use their own containers, but the containers must be clearly marked with the word "RECYCLING" or the universal recycling symbol.

### **When is recycling collected?**

Recycling is collected on the same day as your trash. To find out what day your trash and recycling are collected, visit the Trash Day Map at [maps.wycokck.org/TrashDay.html](https://maps.wycokck.org/TrashDay.html) or call 3-1-1.

### **When should I put my recycling out?**

Put your recycling at the curb or street edge by 7 AM on your trash day.

### **Can I put my trash and recycling out before 7 AM?**

Yes, you can put your trash and recycling out as early as 4 PM the day before your normal day.

### **What happens on holidays?**

If your trash day falls on or after a holiday, your service will be one day later that week. If the holiday falls on a Saturday or Sunday, trash and recycling service is not delayed. Observed holidays are New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Day.

### **Where should I put my recycling?**

Trash and recycling must be placed within 3 feet of the street or curb edge. Trash and recycling should not be obstructed by other items like fences, vehicles, or mailboxes. Where possible, place your recycling bin at least 5 feet away from your trash, so that it is not mistaken for trash.

### **Should my recycling container have a lid?**

Recycling containers should have lids to prevent your items from being knocked over by wind, rain, or animals.



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### **What recyclables are collected?**

Acceptable recyclables include paper, paperboard, aluminum & steel cans, corrugated cardboard, cartons, and assorted plastics labeled #1 through #7.

### **What types of paper can I recycle?**

Acceptable paper recyclables include newspapers, inserts, advertisements, office paper, junk mail, magazines, catalogs, phone books, paperboard, and cardboard.

### **Should I “Break Down” my boxes and paperboard?**

Breaking down, folding, or otherwise cutting items like paperboard and boxes can help you fit more recycling in your bin and prevent it from being knocked over or blown away. Boxes should be flattened and placed into the bin or cut to pieces no larger than 2x2 feet and then tied together and placed on the ground near or under the bin. You can also fold and stuff multiple boxes into one box and set them next to your recycling bin.

### **What types of aluminum and steel cans are collected?**

Empty soda and beverage aluminum cans are accepted for collection. Empty soup, fruit, vegetable, food, and beverage steel cans are also accepted. Please rinse out and, if possible, crush prior to putting them into your bin.

### **What about cartons?**

Cartons are accepted in curbside recycling. Cartons are a type of packaging for food and beverage products you purchase at the store. They are easy to recognize and are available in two types: shelf-stable and refrigerated. Shelf-stable cartons include those for juice, milk, soy & grain milk, soup & broth, and wine. Refrigerated cartons include those for milk, juice, cream, egg substitutes, and soy & grain milk. Please rinse these cartons thoroughly before placing them in your recycling bin. It is OK to leave labels on the cartons.

### **What types of plastics are accepted?**

Plastics #1 through #7 are accepted. Plastics can be identified by checking the bottom of containers and looking for the number inside the chasing arrows recycling symbol. Recyclable plastics include yogurt and margarine tubs, and deli or salad bar clamshells, soft drink bottles, water bottles, juice bottles, sport drink bottles, mouth wash bottles, and plastic containers used for milk water, cosmetics, shampoo, and dish/laundry detergents. Remember to rinse out all plastic containers before recycling thoroughly.

### **What plastics are not accepted?**

Plastics that are not accepted in your recycling include plastic bags, plastic toys, plastic oil containers, or plastics that contained liquids like brake fluid, motor oil, transmission fluid, and windshield washer fluid. Household hazardous waste containers for herbicide and pesticides are also not accepted. Other items not accepted include expanded #6 polystyrene material,



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Styrofoam, peanut packaging, packaging blocks, cups, plastic cereal or cake box liner bags, 6-pack holders, plastic lids, PVC pipe, building materials, and plastic sheet material.

### **What are other items not accepted in my recycling?**

Other items not accepted in curbside recycling include glass, shredded paper, hard/softcover books, pizza boxes with food, tissue paper, towels, paper plates, disposable diapers, plastic cups and tableware, egg cartons, flowerpots, yard waste, garden hoses, propane tanks, aerosol cans, wire, rope, pipes, tubing, and any items contaminated with food or liquid.

### **Where can I take my glass recycling?**

Glass recycling can be taken to the Recycling & Yard Waste Center at 3241 Park Drive, Kansas City, KS 66102. Visit [wycokck.org/Departments/Public-Works/Solid-Waste-Management](http://wycokck.org/Departments/Public-Works/Solid-Waste-Management) for more information and hours of operation.

### **Why does the recycling truck look like a trash truck?**

Don't worry if your recycling truck looks like a trash truck. Trash and recycling vehicles often look very similar.

### **What if the trash truck takes my recycling?**

If your recycling is combined with your trash, review the information above and be sure that you are not including contaminated or unacceptable items in your recycling. Contaminated or unaccepted items may be combined with regular trash items. Contaminates include food, liquid, plastic bags, yard waste, tanks, aerosol cans, garden hoses, Styrofoam, wire, rope, and construction materials.

### **Do I have to recycle?**

Curbside recycling is included with your monthly service, but participation is voluntary.

### **How do I report service issues like missed trash or recycling collection?**

Services issues should be reported to the Unified Government by calling 3-1-1 or visiting [mywyco.wycokck.org](http://mywyco.wycokck.org). Do not report services issues to Waste Management. Reporting your issue to the Unified Government allows Public Works' Solid Waste team to track your report and follow up directly with Waste Management.