

Why Recycle?

Recycling means reusing items we would normally put in the trash – items like aluminum cans, plastic bottles and newspapers. By recycling these items, we essentially remove them from the waste stream, converting them to new, reusable items.



- Recycling**
- ✿ conserves valuable landfill space
 - ✿ saves energy
 - ✿ saves our natural resources – trees, fuels and metals
 - ✿ protects our vital water supply
 - ✿ protects plant and animal life
 - ✿ helps control litter
 - ✿ safeguards our environment for future generations

Recycling is part of the overall solution to reducing waste, and we can all help by participating in our community's recycling program. All it takes is a behavior change, something as simple as tossing items into a separate container than our regular garbage containers.

What Happens to Recycled Items?

Paper Products
Cereal boxes, writing pad bases, paper, wallboard, newsprint, corrugated containers, tissue paper

Aluminum Cans
New cans

Steel Cans
New steel for manufacturing and new tin products (from tin removed from the outer coating of cans)

Glass Bottles
New glass bottles & jars, fiberglass

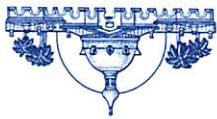
Plastic Bottles
Flower pots, drainage pipes, plastic lumber, traffic barrier cones, carpet and fiberrill for pillows, ski jackets and sleeping bags

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IT'S TIME TALK RECYCLING



Hillsborough County Provides Two Recycling Bins to Make Separation Easy and Efficient...

GREEN BIN – Glass, Plastic & Aluminum Products

- **Plastic Bottles & Jugs – types 1 & 2 only**  
Items with necks or screw-on caps are typically made of #1 or #2 plastics. Look for the symbol on the bottom of the container. Typical examples include: soda, water, juice, milk, soap, shampoo, detergent & kitty litter containers.
Remove all caps before placing in bin. No plastic bags, plastic wrap or microwave trays.
- **Glass Bottles & Jars – all colors**
No broken glass, light bulbs, mirrors, window panes, dishes or cups.
- **Aluminum, Steel & Tin Cans**
Food and beverage containers such as soda cans and soup cans.
Rinse all containers before placing in bin. No aluminum foil, pie tins, coat hangers, paint or solvent containers.

BLUE BIN – Paper Products

- **Newspaper & Newspaper Inserts**
May be placed in brown paper bags or directly in the bin.
Remove plastic bags.
- **Magazines, Catalogs & Telephone Books**
- **Junk Mail & Envelopes**
Remove any plastic wrapping or non-paper items before placing in bin.
- **Office Paper**
Includes printer, copier and fax paper.
Contain shredded paper in a brown paper bag.
- **Paperboard**
Thin cardboard such as cereal boxes, cracker boxes, shoe boxes, soda and beer cartons, etc.
No glossy, waxed or wet-strength paperboard such as frozen food boxes, milk or juice cartons.
- **Brown Paper Bags**
- **Corrugated Cardboard Boxes**
Flatten and cut into sections of 3'x 3' or less. Place next to or in the bin.
No pizza boxes, glossy or waxed cardboard. Material should be clean and dry.



Place bins at the curb by 6:00 A.M. on collection day!

NOTE: Household Batteries Are Not Accepted In Recycling Bins.

Most household batteries (aka: Dry Cell) can now be disposed of with your normal household garbage. **Take rechargeable NICAD, SSLA batteries and alkaline batteries to one of the County's Household Chemicals & Electronics Collection Sites.**

See link at:

www.HillsboroughCounty.org/solidwaste/home.cfm

TO ORDER RECYCLING BINS

Go to: www.HillsboroughRecycles.org

Or Call

813-272-5680

How to Place Yard Waste at Curbside for Pick-Up

Yard waste set out for collection cannot exceed two cubic yards each week, which equals approximately twelve 30-gallon containers. Yard waste other than grass clippings and leaves can also be boxed, bundled or neatly stacked in uniform lengths with pieces being not more than four feet in length and six inches in diameter.

Bags & containers must not weigh more than 50 lbs.

Here are four ways that yard waste can be reused, recycled or reduced:

1. Proper (Florida-friendly) plant selection.
2. Using it for mulch.
3. Not bagging grass clippings.
4. Composting.



See additional, detailed information about yard waste recycling in the County's *Yard Waste to Garden Treasure* brochure.