

# RECYCLING

## QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE

### PLASTICS



PUT IN THE BLUE CART	DO NOT PUT IN THE BLUE CART
Plastic jugs, bottles and containers from kitchen, bath, laundry, office, and garden products	Plastic bags, or anything that looks or feels like a plastic bag (including cart and trashcan liners)
Any plastic imprinted with the recycling symbol 1 through 7, excepting those items listed to the right --->	Plastic wrap, shrink wrap, film, bubble wrap, mail wrappers, or dry cleaning covers
Plastic bottle caps, straws, empty disposable cups, berry containers, insert trays	Toys, dishes (such as melamine), picture frames, and other plastic household goods
Tubs, such as yogurt, butter and similar used for take-out	Styrofoam (such as trays, egg cartons, packing materials)
<b>HINT:</b> Remove lids and caps. Empty completely. Lightly rinse. Crush to maximize room in your cart.	
<b>DON'T FORGET:</b> Shampoo and lotion bottles, laundry tubs, storage containers, and clean EMPTY medicine bottles.	

### PAPER, PAPERBOARD AND CARDBOARD



PUT IN THE BLUE CART	DO NOT PUT IN THE BLUE CART
ANY paper that can be torn	Paper towels, toilet paper and napkins, wet paper, diapers and wipes, or any paper item soaked through with oil or food
All CLEAN boxes and paper packaging from kitchen, bath, laundry, office, garden and garage products.	UNBAGGED Shredded paper. Please put shredded paper in a paper bag before putting it in your cart.
Paper drink cartons (such as for juice, milk, and egg whites), and empty boxes for liquids (such as for juice and soup)	Book bindings. Pages and soft covers are recyclable. The hard covers and hard bindings are not.
Magazines, junk mail, newspapers, catalogs, product instructions and manuals, school papers, copy paper, hanging price tags, receipts, paper shopping bags, wrapping paper, etc.	Stickers, laminated papers, wallpaper, paper decals
<b>HINT:</b> Cut down large pieces to no more than 4' by 2'. Empty and flatten ALL boxes, no matter how small.	
<b>DON'T FORGET:</b> Paper egg cartons, soap boxes, windowed envelopes, sugar and flour packages, posters, and paper tubes.	

### GLASS



PUT IN THE BLUE CART	DO NOT PUT IN THE BLUE CART
ALL glass bottles and food jars	Glass, ceramic, porcelain, and china dishware and figurines
Glass beverage containers of any color, including juice, wine, spirits, beer and soft drinks	Stemware and drinkware
Small bottles, such as those from hot sauce and spices	Glass from windows, automobiles, mirrors, picture frames, and table tops
Empty perfume and cosmetic jars and bottles	Monitors, magnifying glass, eyewear, marbles
<b>HINT:</b> Remove lids and caps. Empty completely. Lightly rinse. <b>IMPORTANT:</b> Place carefully in the cart to avoid breakage.	
<b>DON'T FORGET:</b> Baby food jars, mason jars, and syrup bottles.	

### METALS



PUT IN THE BLUE CART	DO NOT PUT IN THE BLUE CART
Cans, containers, caps and lids of aluminum, tin and steel	Wire hangers, electric wiring, paper clips, costume jewelry
Clean aluminum foil	Batteries, or electronic waste of any kind
Oddly shaped cans, such as those from spices and canned fish	Toothpaste tubes, juice pouches, and other similar
EMPTY aerosol cans	Fencing and chicken wire
<b>HINT:</b> Remove lids and caps, but you can leave the labels. Empty completely. Lightly rinse. Crush, if possible, to maximize room in your cart. Metal that cannot go in your cart may be able to be purchased by a local scrap recycler!	
<b>DON'T FORGET:</b> Jar lids and metal bottle caps, empty whipped cream and hair mousse cans, and pet food cans.	

### A FINAL REMINDER...

Your blue cart is for clean recyclables only. It does not replace your black garbage cart or the green yard waste cart, nor is it a place for household hazardous waste.



NEVER PUT IN THE BLUE CART	INSTEAD...
Food Waste	Use your black garbage cart or try home composting.
Clothing or textiles of any kind	Donate to the charity of your choice.
Electronic Waste (including batteries, cell phones, light bulbs of any kind, home lighting and appliances, computer and audio-visual equipment, televisions and monitors, and anything else that operates with a battery or electric cord)	Many items can be donated to the charity of your choice. Bring others to a City of Fort Lauderdale Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) event. Or, drop at an EPA-approved electronics recycler at any time.
Home and automotive chemicals, such as paints, pesticides, fertilizers, fire extinguishers, motor oils, fuel, lawn and pool chemicals, nail polish, hair dyes, and toxic household cleaners	Bring to a City of Fort Lauderdale Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) event. However, containers that are completely empty and clean may be disposed of in the black garbage cart.
Yard waste	Return pots and trays to garden center for reuse. Dispose of hoses in your black garbage cart. ALL PLANT MATERIAL SHOULD BE PLACED IN YOUR GREEN YARD WASTE CART.
Construction debris	Follow City of Fort Lauderdale construction disposal guidelines. Contact Sustainable Development for assistance.
Medical waste, sharps or pharmaceuticals, mercury thermometers, or diapers	Drop pharmaceuticals at City of Fort Lauderdale Police Station. Contact Broward County for free, specialized disposal containers for biohazards and sharps. Use black garbage cart for supplies used to treat minor injuries (such as adhesive bandages, gauze and used tubes.)
Pet Waste and Deceased Animals	Bagged pet waste may be disposed of in the black garbage cart. Please consult your veterinarian or contact Customer Service for safe and respectful disposal of deceased animals.

**THANK YOU FOR RECYCLING!** You are doing a great service to the environment and to your City. Keep this Quick Reference Guide in a convenient location. While these guidelines are for our curbside recycling pickup program, they also apply to any of our containers around the City of Fort Lauderdale, and to the guidelines approved commercial and multi-family haulers follow. Items that cannot be recycled in our containers may be recyclable through drop-off or give-back programs. While recycling is a great way start to Greening Your Routine, we encourage you to reduce your overall waste by reusing items, purchasing locally and buying products with minimal packaging. If you have **QUESTIONS ABOUT WHAT YOU SEE HERE**, or about your waste pickup services, call our 24-hour Customer Service Center at 954-828-8000, or visit us online at [fortlauderdale.gov/gyr](http://fortlauderdale.gov/gyr).