

Is the recycling center at City Hall still open?

No, the center is no longer open. To make up for the closure, the City does not miss a recycling pick-up day due to holidays.

Please don't leave recyclables at City Hall.

What about recycling for local businesses and multi-family housing?

The City does provide recycling services to multi-family and local businesses. A charge of \$10.00 per city-issued container will be assessed to those properties that are not regularly serviced by the City.

What do they make out of recycled items?

Lots of things. Newspapers may become insulation. Soup and vegetable cans are melted down and formed into rebar or other metal products. Plastic jugs can be turned into carpet and clothing. All of these items can become useful again as well as freeing up space in landfills.



List of Items that can be placed in bins for the City's Recycling Program:

All Fiber - paper, newsprint, office paper, printer grades and cardboard

All Plastic - #1-7, bottles, crates, plastic pallets, film and engineering grades

Metal - ferrous and non ferrous

Styrofoam - EPS, Non Fire Retardant and Fire Retardant

Items to be placed separately (not in bin) but will be picked up during recycling day:

Universal Waste - light bulbs, batteries, oil, oil filter and non hazardous absorbent/rags

Electronics - all battery and plug in devices, towers, monitors, television, peripherals (keyboard, mice, drives) hard drives, circuit boards, wire and remote controls

No Food Waste or Bathroom Waste

Who do I call if I have a question?

Public Works Department is available Monday - Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at 882-1518.

To sign up for email blasts from City Hall on recycling and other issues visit the city's website at alamoheightstx.gov. Recycle! It's good for our city. It's good for our pocketbooks. It's good for our planet.

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Alamo Heights Recycling Program



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About "Curbside" Recycling



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Why recycling is important

The more we recycle, the less goes into expensive landfills. Although rates vary, industry sources suggest that 40% to 50% of household waste is recyclable. The EPA estimates that up to 70% of what currently goes into our nation's landfills could be recycled.



What goes in these green containers?

Newspapers, plastic containers, glass bottles and jars, steel and aluminum cans, paperboard. The smaller one is a convenient kitchen size, easy to carry. You may empty it into the larger container for pick up. If you didn't get a recycle bin, contact the Public Works department at (210) 882-1518.

Do I have to sort everything out?

No. Our recycling contract with Green Star is a user-friendly single stream plan. Newspapers, plastic containers, glass bottles & jars, steel & aluminum cans, paperboard can all be picked up from your curb or alley mixed together. It will be sorted mechanically at the recycling plant. This is more convenient for you and may encourage more people to participate. But remember to keep Universal Waste and Electronics separate.



Do I need to wash out the bottles and cans?

Yes, everything should be empty and rinsed. Rinse as you go. It only takes a moment and it helps a lot. Plastic and metal lids go in the recycling as well, but leave them loose for easy sorting.

What if my week's recycling won't fit in these containers?

For any excess, you may use any open top containers such as small boxes or other plastic bins (no garbage cans, please) as long as they can properly contain loose materials and are not overfilled and likely to spill as the crew collects them. No plastic bags or other closed containers can be used for recycling. But newspapers need to stay dry, so don't put them out in the rain.

Where do I leave my container?

The term "curbside" is a generic description. Your container should be placed where you normally leave your garbage and trash. If your garbage and trash pick-up is in an alley, leave your recyclables there. **Recycle day is WEDNESDAY.** Check the solid waste pick-up schedule at www.alamoheightstx.gov/cityservices.

What do the triangles mean?

Manufacturers are required to mark recycled items with a recycle symbol.

This mark is usually found on the bottom of the container.



Which plastics are recyclable?

Recycle plastics with numbers 1-7. This includes almost all post-consumer plastics. This number can be found on the bottom of the container inside the triangle of chasing arrows.

What about boxes like cereal, soda, etc? Corrugated cardboard?

Boxes for cereal, crackers, beer and soda are considered paperboard and are okay if they are free of wax and metal staples. Corrugated cardboard is also able to be recycled and are accepted.

The list says "No Food Waste"; what about my pet food cans?

Recycle, absolutely. Just remember to rinse them out thoroughly before placing them in the recycling bin.



What about grocery bags?

You can recycle brown grocery sacks. Plastic grocery bags must be returned to the collection box outside your supermarket.

Who's going to be picking up the recycling?

The same city staff who've been so professionally handling your garbage and trash pick-up for years.