The curbside recycling bin program is designed to collect specific materials. The list below includes recyclable items you should always place in the bin. Keep them loose, clean, and dry – never in plastic bags. Placing unaccepted material or wet, dirty, sticky items in the bin reduces the recyclability of other material. You may leave lids and labels on containers. If you are unsure if something is recyclable in the bin, remember, “When in doubt, throw it out.” To avoid creating litter, use a lidded container. Private collection companies who serve our community take recyclables to sorting facilities. These facilities often have different lists of acceptable items for recycling. The items below are universally accepted and should ALWAYS be placed in the recycling bin.

**ALWAYS PLACE IN THE CURBSIDE RECYCLING BIN**

- Plastic bottles and jugs (lids on)
- Metal food and beverage cans
- Mixed paper and cardboard
- Cartons

*For specialty items such as food containers like tubs, clamshells and other plastics, please contact your hauler.*

**Glass is no longer accepted in curbside recycling bins.** Glass breaks during the collection process, damages sorting machinery, and reduces the value of other recyclable material in single-stream recycling. Please bring glass bottles and jars to purple, glass-only recycling containers located throughout the area. The collected container glass will be recycled for use in county projects and other beneficial applications. If you choose not to bring your container glass to a purple can, please place your glass in the trash. A map of purple can sites is available online at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/publicworks/recycling-trash/glass](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/publicworks/recycling-trash/glass).

Reduce waste by purchasing fewer single-use products. **REDUCE. REUSE. RECYCLE.**

Some things should never be placed in the curbside recycling bin. Plastic bags can be returned to grocery stores, and clothing, shoes, and small appliances can be donated.

NEVER PLACE IN THE CURBSIDE RECYCLING BIN

- Plastic bags, film, and pillow packaging
- Glass
- Food bags and wrappers
- Needles and medical waste
- Shredded paper
- Diapers
- Mixed packaging
- Hangers, hoses, and cables
- Clothing
- Foam and plastic takeout cups and containers
- Batteries

Some things are recyclable but not in the curbside bin program. The I-66 transfer station in Fairfax and the I-95 landfill complex in Lorton accept phones and electronics, paint, batteries, household hazardous waste, scrap metal, cooking oil, motor oil, and much more. Proper disposal of this material protects collection workers and the environment.

For facility hours and locations, please visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/publicworks/recycling-and-trash](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/publicworks/recycling-and-trash)