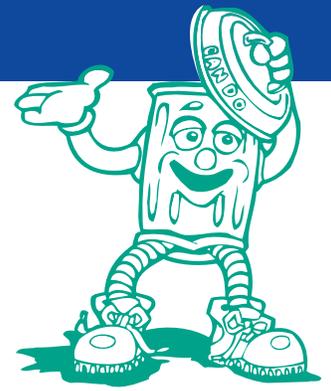


# Why Recycle?

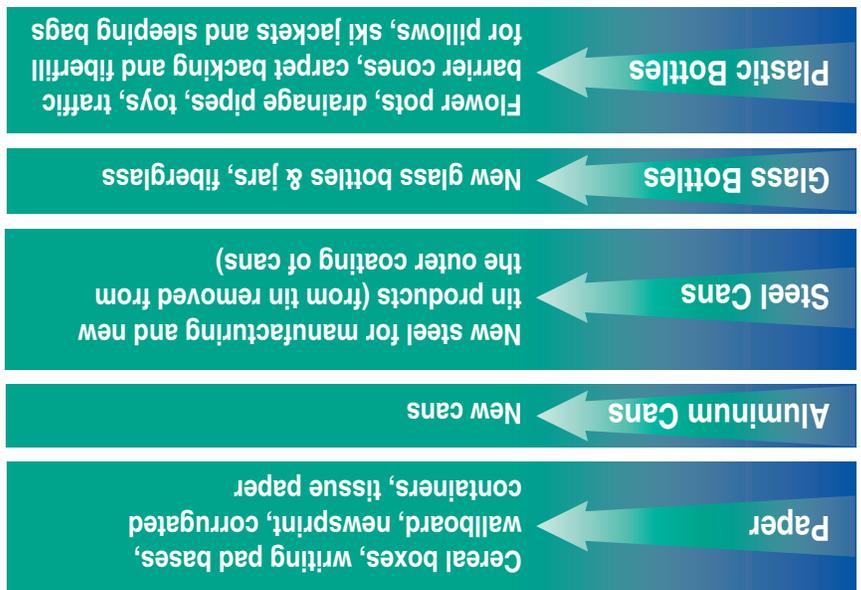
Recycling means reusing items we would normally put in the trash – items like aluminum cans, plastic bottles and newspapers. By recycling these items, we essentially remove them from the waste stream, converting them to new, reusable items.



- 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 from our regular garbage containers.



## What Happens to Recycled Items?

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# IT'S TIME TALK RECYCLING



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

## GREEN BIN—Some Glass, Plastic & Aluminum Products

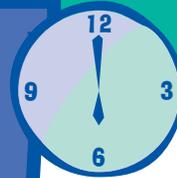
- **Plastic Bottles and Jugs – Resin Type 1 & 2**  
If the item has a neck or a screw-on cap, it is probably a No. 1 or 2. Look for the symbol on the bottom of the item. Examples of acceptable plastic items include bottles for soda, water, juice, detergent, bleach and fabric softeners and plastic jugs for kitty litter.

No plastic bags.

- **Glass Bottles and Jars – all colors**
- **Steel (Tin) and Aluminum Cans**  
Remove and discard lids, rinse all containers and crush plastic bottles and aluminum cans for easier storage.  
No pie tins or foil wrap.

## BLUE BIN – Paper Products

- **Newspaper and Newspaper Inserts**  
May be in a brown paper bag or placed directly in the bin.  
Remove plastic bags.
- **Magazines, Catalogs & Telephone Books**
- **Corrugated Cardboard Shipping Boxes**  
Flatten and cut into sections of 3' x 3' or less. Place next to or in the bin.  
No glossy or waxed cardboard, cereal or shoe boxes, soda, water or beer pack holders or pizza boxes. We are unable to accept these items.
- **Brown Paper Bags**
- **Mixed Office Paper**  
Includes computer and fax paper.
- **Junk Mail**  
Remove any plastic wrapping or non-paper items before placing in the bin.



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

### **NOTE: Household Batteries Will No Longer Be Accepted in Recycling Bins.**

Most household batteries (aka: Dry Cell) can now be disposed of with your normal household garbage. **Rechargeable NICAD and SSLA batteries are banned from the waste stream and CANNOT be disposed of with your normal household garbage.**

### **Hillsborough County's recycling program.**

**It's easy!**

## How to Place 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 not to exceed 50 lbs. Also, be sure it is not more than four feet in length and six inches in diameter.

### **Did You Know That Yard Waste Can Also be Recycled?**

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

1. Proper plant selection.
2. Use it for mulch.
3. Don't bag clippings.
4. Compost.

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