

# RESIDENTIAL SUBSCRIPTION CURBSIDE RECYCLING PROGRAM



*Let now you can too!*



DeKalb County Sanitation

## Commingled Items in Blue Bag

All commingled items (plastic, glass, and aluminum bottles and cans) must be placed in the County issued semi-transparent blue bag and securely sealed using a tie or knot. This bag must be placed at the curb on a scheduled collection Wednesday. It is very important to keep all commingled items secured in the blue bag to minimize breakage of glass and avoid contamination of mixed paper items.

- Thoroughly rinse all plastic, glass, tin, and aluminum containers free of contents
- Only recycle materials and items identified as part of the program
- Replace all caps and lids back on plastic containers
- Remove all caps and lids from glass containers
- By doing your part, you help keep the cost of the program down
- By following the rules, you help insure your item is completely recycled and made into a new consumer product

The most effective curbside recycling program exists where residents participate at the maximum levels possible, only place items to be recycled that have been identified as part of the program, and participants follow all rules associated with the correct way items should be prepared and placed at the curb for recycling.

## Drop-Off Recycling Locations

Mixed paper containers are located at all DeKalb County Fire Stations and many DeKalb County Public Buildings. These containers are green in color with a slide through slot opening in the front. All mixed papers may be dropped off at these locations that include: newspaper, phone books, magazines, catalogs, office paper, cardboard, and junk mail. The paper items must pass through a six inch (6") by four-foot (4') slot opening to be recycled. Simply breakdown your cardboard boxes at home, throw-away the packing material in your household garbage and take the folded cardboard and other papers to the closest mixed paper container and slide them through the opening.

## What Should Not Be Recycled In This Program?

Mixed Paper Items and Commingled Items  
Not Acceptable In The Program:

**Paper Towels** (any papers used for any type of cleaning purposes)

**Paper Plates and Cups**

**Tissue Paper.**

**Waxed Paper** (any papers with direct contact with food residues)

**Cellophane paper or Plastic Wrap**

**Aluminum or Tin Foil**

**Foam Rubber Material**

**Packing Materials** (peanuts, bubble wrap, styrofoam or any other type of packing material)

**Food To Go Boxes** (e.g. pizza or other boxes that have been in direct contact with food)

**Plastic Department or Grocery Store and Dry Cleaning bags**

**Ceramic Containers** (any type of ceramic materials)

**Cereal Box Liners** (any type of food liner inside chip-board boxes)

**Frozen Food Box Liners and Foil** (any type of packaging in direct contact with food)

**Petroleum or Oil, Plastic & Metal Containers** (any hard to rinse out containers are not acceptable in this recycling program)

**Pesticide or Herbicide Plastic and Metal Containers**

**String, Twine, or Strapping Material**

**Pane Glass Windows and Mirrors** (any type of glass material that was not sold for the purpose of food or beverage storage)

**Aerosol Containers** (any type)

*If you are not sure it is recycled in this program,  
do not place it in your mixed paper bin or  
commingled items bag.*

For information please call us or email:

(404) 294-2900

sanitation@co.dekalb.ga.us

## Eligible Residential Customers

Unincorporated DeKalb County and City of Lithonia  
(customers who presently receive solid waste collection services from the DeKalb County Sanitation Division)

## Cost to Customers

**\$15.00** One time fee for Mixed Paper Recycling Bin

**\$15.00** As needed fee for Commingled Blue Bags  
(box of 100)

Fees are established by the DeKalb County Board of Commissioners and are subject to change without notice.

## How To Participate

Call Sanitation Customer Service or email and subscribe to the residential recycling program.

**(404) 294-2900** or [sanitation@co.dekalb.ga.us](mailto:sanitation@co.dekalb.ga.us)

Initial subscription cost is \$30.00 as described above which includes the first year's worth of supplies and 12 months of weekly curbside collection service.

## Collection Service Schedule

**Collection Service will be on Wednesdays.**

Certain Wednesdays, such as Thanksgiving, Christmas week, and County holidays that fall on Wednesdays will be designated as **NO Residential Recycling Collection Service**. During these weeks, please hold your material until the next scheduled collection service Wednesday. Please refer to the annual collection calendar brochure for the schedule.

## What Can You Recycle in the Program?

Mixed papers and Commingled Containers.

## Mixed Papers Go In The Blue Bin



Mixed papers must be unspoiled and not have been in contact with any food residue or have been used for cleaning purposes. Mixed papers that are wet from rainwater are acceptable.

### Acceptable Mixed Paper Items

(see Protection of Privacy Information)

**Newspapers** including paper inserts (no plastic delivery protection covers)

**Magazines** (stapled binding are OK)

**Phone Books** (glued binding are OK)

**Catalogs** (glued binding are OK)

**Small Cardboard Boxes** (remove all packing materials such as peanuts, bubble wrap, styrofoam, and all other packing materials)

**Large Cardboard Boxes** (remove all packing material, breakdown, fold flat and place under Mixed Paper Blue Bin at the curb for collection)

**Cereal and Pantry Item Paper Boxes** (remove food liners and fold flat)

**Frozen Food Containers** (remove food liners and fold flat)

**Tissue and Paper Towel Cylinder Cores** (no tissue paper and paper towels)

**Office and Copy Paper**

**Note Pads and Index Cards**

**Writing Paper**

**Computer Paper**

**Coated Paper Inserts**

**Wrapping Paper** (no foil)

**Books** (paperback and hardback)

**Circulars**

**Brochures** (slick and coated is OK)

**Envelopes** (windows and glued is OK)

**Manila Folders**

**Junk Mail**

**Shredded Paper** (must be placed inside a small plastic bag and securely tied then placed in the Blue Bin with the other Mixed Papers)

## Commingled Containers Go In The Blue Bags



Commingled containers must have been used to store beverages, food, and cleanser.

### Acceptable Commingled Plastic Items

All plastic beverage, food, household cleanser, and landscape plant containers with the symbols 1-7 are acceptable for recycling.

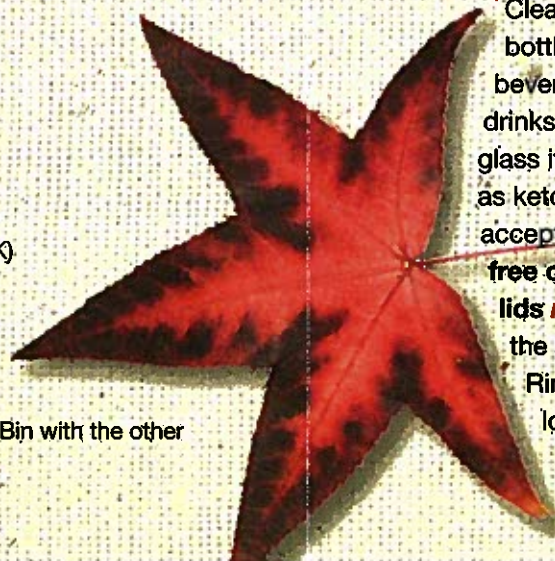
<b>PETE</b>	Polyethylene
<b>NDPE</b>	High Density Polyethylene
<b>PVC</b>	Polyvinyl Chloride
<b>LDPE</b>	Low Density Polyethylene
<b>PP</b>	Polypropylene
<b>PS</b>	Polystyrene
<b>Other</b>	Mixture of 1-7 plastics and styrofoam to go boxes and cups

All plastic items must be **rinsed free of stored material and caps replaced** securely prior to placing items inside the semi-transparent blue bag.

### Glass Beverage and Food Containers

Clear, brown, green and blue colored bottles and containers that stored beverages such as beer, wine, liquor, and drinks are acceptable for recycling. Other glass items that stored food products such as ketchup, jelly and mayonnaise are also acceptable. All glass items must be **rinsed free of stored material and caps or metal lids removed** prior to placing items inside the semi-transparent blue bag.

Rinse caps and lids and place them loose inside the blue bag.





## Tin Beverage and Food Containers

Tin cans that stored beverages and foods such as juices, meats and vegetables are acceptable. All tin cans must be thoroughly rinsed of contents. Tin cans with hard to rinse out contents may require removing both ends to assure clean rinse. Removing both ends is not necessary for easy to remove food contents. Do not crush can. Place clean tin can in semi-transparent blue bag. Rinse tin can lid and place in the blue bag.

## Aluminum Cans and Containers

Aluminum cans and containers that store food or beverage such as; drinks, beer, meats, and vegetables are acceptable. All aluminum containers must be rinsed free of stored material and placed in semi-transparent blue bags.

## Protection of Privacy Information

Please remove, cut out or deface, and properly discard any privacy information such as address, phone number, or account numbers from all your mixed paper materials that will be placed in the mixed paper recycle bin.

## Other Recycling Opportunities

**Aluminum cans** are collected on the first household garbage collection day of the week for all single-family residences in unincorporated DeKalb and the City of Lithonia.

**Newspapers** are collected on the second household garbage collection day of the week for all single-family residences in unincorporated DeKalb and the City of Lithonia.

**Yard debris** that has been properly prepared for hand collection will be collected each week on your designated yard debris collection day for all single-family residences in unincorporated DeKalb and the City of Lithonia.

**Appliances** that have been placed at the curb will be collected as soon as possible once notification has been given to the Customer Service Center, Phone (404) 294-2900 or [sanitation@co.dekalb.ga.us](mailto:sanitation@co.dekalb.ga.us)

**Passenger tires** of a maximum of four (4) per event will be collected at the curb for a minimum handling fee of \$2.00 each. Call Customer Service to arrange for collection. Residents will be invoiced for the fee.



**Thank You for  
Recycling in DeKalb!**

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