

# RESIDENT'S GUIDE TO RECYCLING

## **RECYCLING:**

It is important and easy, but best of all recycling right benefits the Dallas community and the planet. This guide will outline the key aspects of recycling, reducing waste, and what we can specifically do to help improve our recycling efforts in Dallas.



[DallasRecycles.com](http://DallasRecycles.com)

# ONLY RECYCLE THESE ITEMS:



**Mixed Paper**  
Newspapers, magazines,  
junk mail, etc.



**Cardboard &  
Boxboard**



**Cartons**



**Metal Cans**  
Aluminum, tin & steel



**Glass Bottles  
& Jars**



**Plastic Container  
(#1 - 7)**

# YES



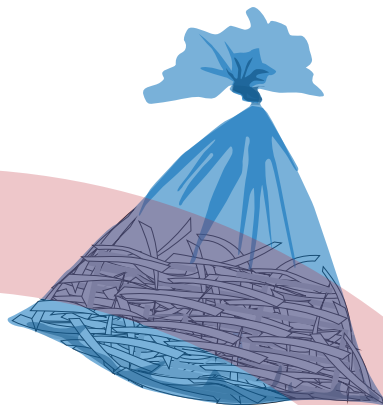
## Quick Tips:

- ♻️ Do not bag your recyclables. They should be placed in our recycling receptacle without being bagged.
- ♻️ A quick rinse will do. You don't need to spend a lot of time (or water) washing out your containers.
- ♻️ Pizza boxes are recyclable, but get rid of the side with the excess cheese!
- ♻️ If you need a recycle cart, call 3-1-1 to place your order.
- ♻️ When in doubt, keep it out!

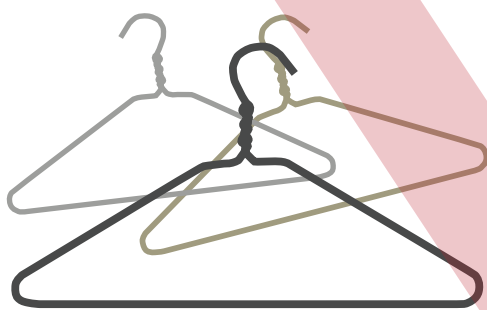
When non-recyclables are mixed into the recycling bins, it can turn the whole container from recyclables to trash.



Plastic Bags & Plastic Film



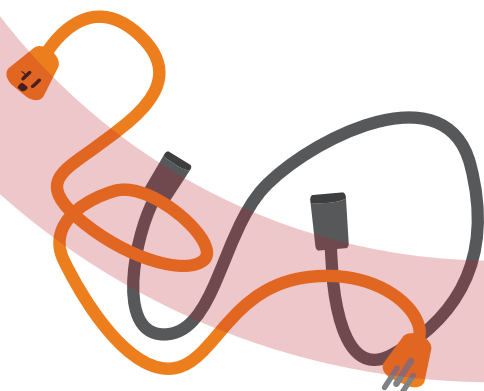
Shredded Paper



Metal Hangers



Styrofoam & Plastic Utensils



Wires and Cables



Clothes

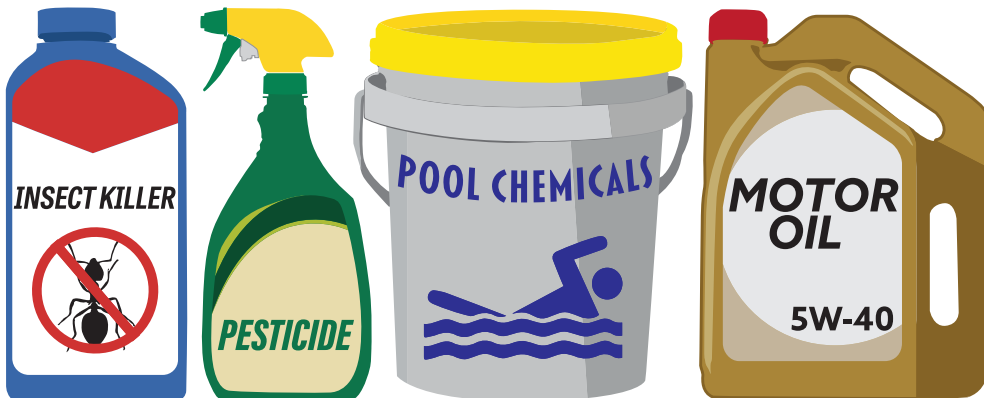
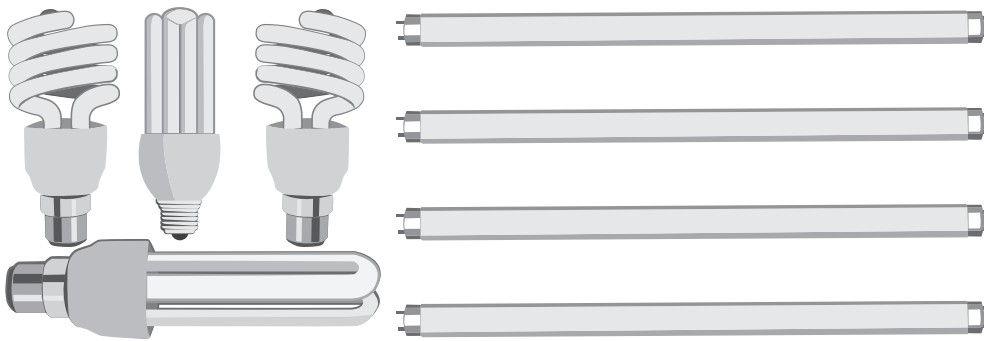
# NO



## What can I do with these?

- ⊘ Plastic bags and film can be taken to local retailers. To find the nearest location, visit [DallasRecycles.com](http://DallasRecycles.com).
- ⊘ Metal hangers can be taken to your dry cleaners.
- ⊘ Find a charity to donate clothes, toys, or other textiles.
- ⊘ Shredded paper can be composted. It is a great source of carbon!
- ⊘ Wires and cables can be taken to the transfer stations or the landfill for recycling.

# Hard to Recycle Materials



# HaRMs

## Furniture:

Gently used furniture can be donated and there are several donation centers throughout Dallas.

## Electronics:

Electronics such as computers and tablets can be recycled for free at the City's transfer stations or the landfill. See page 5 for more details.

## Light bulbs:

Fluorescent light bulbs are accepted at the Dallas County Home Chemical Collection Center. Check with retailers near you to see if they accept incandescent light bulbs.

## Household Hazardous Waste:

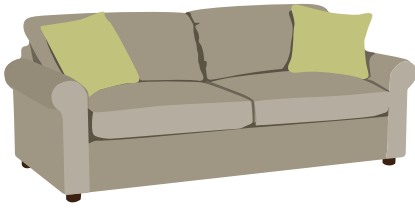
Home cleaning products, lawn chemicals, automotive fluids, batteries, and paint should not be poured down the storm drain or placed in the trash. They could cause great harm to the environment!

These items can be taken to the Dallas County Home Chemical Collection Center (see page 5).

Batteries, Oil, Paint and Antifreeze can be taken to the monthly BOPA collection events.

Please don't leave your bulky items or unwanted furniture in the community trash area. This is considered **ILLEGAL DUMPING**.

## Furniture, Clothes, Toys



**Goodwill Industries of Dallas**  
214-638-2800  
www.goodwilldallas.org



**The Salvation Army**  
Donation Pick Up: 214-630-5611  
dallas.satruck.org/donate-goods

## Electronics

- Electronic Drop-off sites are found at the transfer stations and landfill
- These sites are provided to all Dallas residents at no charge
- Recycled using ISO 14001: 2004 and E-Stewards standards



5100 Youngblood Road | 9500 Harry Hines Blvd | 7677 Fair Oaks Avenue | 4610 S. Westmoreland Road

### Accepted Electronics for Recycling

- CPU monitors, CPUs, Laptops
- Wires, Cables, Power Supplies
- Cellphones, Cameras, Tablets
- Keyboards, Mice
- Gaming Systems
- Printers, Copiers, Fax Machines



- Televisions (complete)
- Home & Office Phones
- Consumer Electronics
- VCRs, DVD or CD Players
- Radios, Stereos, MP3 Players
- Small Household Appliances (No Glass)



## Left over HHW (Household Hazardous Waste)

Dallas residents can bring the following to the Dallas County Home Chemical Collection Center:

- Chemical products for home use
- Lawn & garden chemicals
- Pool chemicals
- Batteries of all kinds
- Fluorescent light tubes
- Paint & home repair products
- Aerosol sprays
- Cleaners & polishes
- Automotive fluids & oil filters
- Computers & cell phones



# Moving Out?

If there are items you no longer want, donate them or offer them to your neighbors.

Reuse boxes by collecting them in advance of your move.

If you have paint, cleaners or other hazardous materials, drop them off for free at the Home Chemical Collection Center (see below).

Batteries, Oil (and oil filters), Paint (latex only) and Antifreeze can also be dropped off for free at the monthly BOPA collection events (see page 6).

### Home Chemical Collection Center

#### Hours of Operation:

Tuesdays: 9:00a - 7:30p  
Wednesdays: 8:30a - 5:00p  
Thursdays: 8:30a - 5:00p  
2nd and 4th Saturdays of each month: 9:00a - 3:00p

CLOSED: every Monday, Friday, and Saturday

#### Location:

11234 Plano Rd, Dallas, TX 75243

# City of Dallas Drop-Off Locations & Collection Events

# City Events and Programs

## BOPA



### BOPA COLLECTION EVENTS

"BOPA" events accept the most common types of household hazardous waste which are Batteries, Oil, Paint, and Antifreeze. These collection events are held at different locations throughout Dallas on the 2nd Saturday 10 times a year. For the next event, call 3-1-1 or see the "Dallas Sanitation App".

## HHW Events



### HHW COLLECTION EVENTS

"HHW" events accept the household hazardous waste items that are listed on page 5. These collection events are held twice a year in various locations throughout Dallas that are not near the Home Chemical Collection Center. For the next collection, call 3-1-1 or see the "Dallas Sanitation App".

## Recycling Drop-off



### RECYCLING DROP-OFF SITES

Live in an apartment and want to Recycle? Moving and have a lot of empty boxes? Visit one of the conveniently located drop-off sites that the City of Dallas provides for your recyclables. For a list of locations, go to [www.DallasRecycles.com](http://www.DallasRecycles.com)

*\* Locations are subject to change.*



# FAQs

# 1

The City has a **Local Solid Waste Management Plan** to increase diversion and reach zero waste by 2040. For more information, please visit [DallasRecycles.com](http://DallasRecycles.com).



1. What else is the City doing to improve recycling?



**YES**, not all material sizes can be sorted at the recycling facility. Mixed paper must be larger than the size of a postcard. Acceptable plastic should be larger than 2 inches but no larger than a one gallon container.

# 2

2. Is there a minimum and maximum size for recyclables?

# 3

**YES**. To recycle plastic lids, keep them on the bottle after your finished with it. Doing that ensures that they'll be recycled together. If it's loose, it's likely that it'll fall through small holes in the machinery and not end up at its final destination.



Metal lids on glass jars should be tossed in the recycling bin separately. Those lids are typically picked up by the large electromagnet.

3. Are bottle caps recyclable?



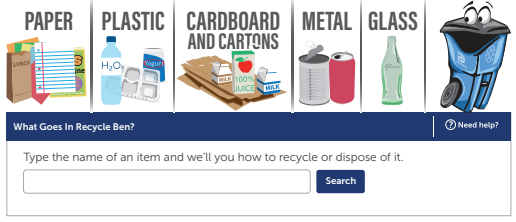
When recyclables are being processed, plastic film and bags can get caught in the sorting machinery. The recycling facility must be shut down so that employees can remove the plastic film from the machinery. **Please do not put bags or film in your recycling container!**

# 4

4. Why aren't plastic bags accepted?

# 5

Use the search tool on [DallasRecycles.com](http://DallasRecycles.com).



If you can't find an item there, let us know by calling 214-670-4475.

5. Where can you find if a specific material is recyclable?

I FEEL SO EMPTY  
WHEN YOU  
DON'T RECYCLE.



# Stay Connected

Call, email or follow us on social media:



214-670-4475



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@dallascityhall.com



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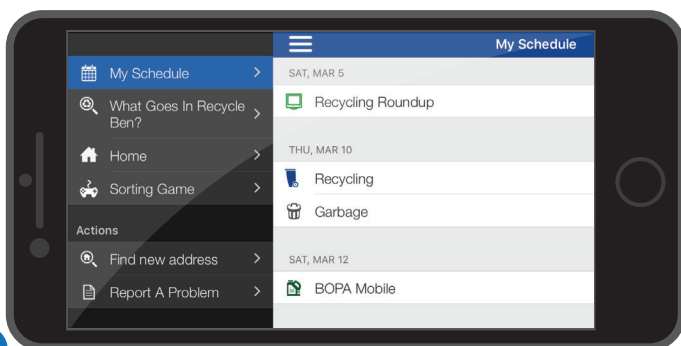


DallasZeroWaste



Nextdoor.com

- Receive Collection Reminders
- Waste search tool
- "Quest for Zero Waste" game



## Download our free mobile app...



Dallas Sanitation App



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