
Why recycle?

With just a little effort, recycling pays huge dividends.

Recycling is good for the environment and the economy. And it all starts with you. The recyclables that you place in your curbside bin or take to the drop-off center begin a ripple effect of benefits.

Recycling benefits the environment by promoting the sustainable use of our natural resources, saving energy and reducing pollution.

But recycling is good for the economy, too. By turning waste into valuable raw materials, recycling creates jobs, builds more competitive manufacturing industries and adds significantly to the economy.



Curbside Roll Cart Placement Guidelines

Putting your roll cart in the proper place makes automated collection safer, cleaner and more efficient.

- **Place the cart a few inches from the curb with the wheels and handle facing your home.** Arrows on the cart should point toward the street and the lid should be closed. Choose a level surface on which to place the roll cart.
- **Do not place carts near parked cars.** There should be 3 feet of clearance around the cart to allow the mechanical arm to lift and empty it.
- **Do not place carts within 3 feet of mail boxes or other objects.** Also, do not place them under low-hanging branches.

Thank you!

Your cooperation will greatly help our drivers and other staff. Your efforts also will help make this automated collection system a success. *Thanks again!*

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SINGLE-STREAM RESIDENTIAL RECYCLING PROGRAM



Making a difference for our environment, our economy and our community is easier than ever!

Please read this brochure carefully.
If you have any questions, please call

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Frequently Asked Questions ...

Q. What is single-stream recycling?

A. Instead of separating material by type, all of your recyclables are collected in a single container. Sorting is done after they are collected – making it easier to recycle more!

Q. What is automated collection?

A. It is a new way for the county to collect recyclables using a special truck with a robotic arm. This mechanical arm lifts and empties roll carts for the driver – making it a faster, safer, more cost-efficient and cleaner way to collect your recyclables.

Q. Can I use my existing blue recycling bin?

A. No. Only roll carts can be used. If you currently have curbside recycling, Greenwood County will provide you with a roll cart.



Q. How often will recyclables be collected?

A. Recyclables will be collected every other week on the same day.

Q. Where can I place the roll cart?

A. It is very important that you place your roll cart properly at the curb so that the robotic arm can lift it. Keep other items – including mail boxes, parked cars, trash cans, trees and tree branches – at least 3 feet away from the cart. Arrows on the cart should point toward the street and the cart handle and wheels

should point toward your home. Keep the lid closed.

Q. When should I put the cart out?

A. Your cart should be at the curb before 7 a.m. on your scheduled collection day. After it is emptied, return it to your garage or backyard to keep it safe and clean.

Q. What about big boxes?

A. Please flatten your cardboard boxes and put them in the roll cart for recycling.

Items ACCEPTED in curbside roll carts for recycling ...

- Aerosol “spray” cans (must be empty)
- Aluminum cans and baking pans
- Books (including paperbacks, text and hardcover books)
- Brown paper bags
- Corrugated cardboard boxes (flatten)
- Glass bottles and jars (all colors)
- Milk and juice cartons
- Newspapers, magazines and catalogs (including inserts)
- Office paper (colored and white) and file folders
- Paperboard boxes – such as shoe and cereal boxes (remove plastic liners)
- Plastics bottles, jugs and jars (#1–#7)
- Steel (“tin”) cans
- Unwanted mail and envelopes

NOTE: Only recyclables that fit into the roll cart will be accepted on your collection day.

Items NOT ACCEPTED in curbside roll carts ...

- Batteries
- Burned items
- Electronics
- Fluorescent bulbs
- Hazardous household waste
- Incandescent light bulbs
- Liquid waste
- Oil
- Paint
- Plastic bags
- Pottery, porcelain or china
- Styrofoam
- Syringes (needles, sharps)
- Window glass
- Yard trimmings