



What does Charleston County Recycle?

Charleston County accepts plastics #1-7, glass, aluminum and steel cans, and all paper including paperboard, cardboard and shredded paper.

Recycling Guide

Charleston County currently has two container types for residents that are featured below.

DUAL STREAM SYSTEM - BLUE BINS

Until your neighborhood is added to the All-in-One service, you are welcome to pick up additional blue bins (please refer to the convenience center list for locations).



SEPARATE YOUR RECYCLABLES!

If you have the smaller bins, then you are part of the dual stream system and need to separate your cardboard and paper from your plastic, glass and metal recyclables.

CONTAINERS

ALUMINUM
STEEL CANS
PLASTICS #1-7
GLASS



ALL PAPER

CARDBOARD
NEWSPAPER
MAGAZINES
MIXED PAPER
PAPERBOARD



SINGLE STREAM SYSTEM - ROLL CART

This program is incrementally expanding across the County. As this program expands, you will be notified by mail when your neighborhood is selected and a roll cart will be delivered to your residence.



COMBINE YOUR RECYCLABLES!

If you have a large roll cart, then you are part of the All-In-One system and can combine all of your recyclables into one container.



WHAT NOT TO RECYCLE

No Garbage - No Yard Waste

Take the following items to a Charleston County Convenience Center:

- o Batteries
- o Electronics
- o Motor Oil
- o Light Bulbs
- o Paint

Find one near you at recycle.charlestoncounty.org

Household Hazardous Waste

Almost every household has hazardous materials that can harm the environment, especially when disposed of incorrectly. To make getting rid of these materials safe and easy, Charleston County's Environmental Management Department has eight convenience centers located throughout the County.

What are household hazardous materials?



Household Cleaners and Polishes:

Kitchen and bathroom cleaners, glass cleaners, bleach, ammonia, drain openers, oven cleaners, rug and upholstery cleaners, and silver, copper and chrome polishes.



Pesticides and Repellents:

Weed killers, Insecticides, fungicides, slug bait, rose dust, mothballs, flea powder, insect and tick repellents, rodent baits, wood preservatives, lawn fertilizer and pesticide combination products.



Automotive and Other Products:

Used motor oil and gasoline, brake and transmission fluid, antifreeze, household batteries, car batteries and battery acid, pool chemicals and NiCad batteries, cooking oil, fluorescent tubes and compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFL's).



Paints and Solvents:

Water-base (latex) or oil-base paint, paint thinner, rust remover, turpentine and furniture stripper.

Electronic items accepted by Charleston County:

Note: Destroy computer hard drives and delete personal information before recycling electronic items.

- Home and office equipment: CPUs, monitors (color and b/w), laptops, hard drives, keyboards, mice, printers, copiers, scanners, fax machines, adding machines, calculators, telephones, cell and cordless phones, PDAs, pagers and shredders.
- Audio visual equipment: TVs, VCRs, stereos, radios, camcorders, CD players, DVD players and cassette players.

Single Stream Residential Recycling Program for Curbside Households

With single stream recycling, instead of separating recyclables by type, residents can combine all glass, metal, paper, cardboard, and plastics into one wheeled roll cart. This All-In-One cart-based method of recycling is an easier way for residents to recycle. Instead of carrying multiple bins to the curb, residents are able to simply roll a cart to the curb. This state-of-the-art program utilizes automated trucks to collect recyclables that can be placed together in a single roll cart, as opposed to be separated into two containers for collection via a dual stream program. One roll cart has the carrying capacity to store more than 4 times the amount of accumulated recyclable materials than one curbside bin!

All-In-One Recycling



Automated Collection Service



Materials to Recycle in the All-In-One Program

There is no need for separation with the cart system and you can put it “All-In-One” - the green cart! The list of acceptable materials is listed below:

ALL PAPER PRODUCTS *(for example):*

- Flattened corrugated cardboard
- Newspapers, magazines, and catalogs (including inserts)
- Junk mail & envelopes
- Office paper (colored & white) and file folders
- Brown paper bags
- Books (including paperbacks, textbooks, & hardbacks)
- Paperboard boxes, such as cereal boxes (remove plastic liner)

COMMINGLED PRODUCTS *(for example):*

- Plastics #1 through #7
- Glass jars & bottles
- Aluminum cans & baking pans
- Steel & tin cans
- Empty aerosol (spray) cans
- Milk & juice cartons

Items Not Accepted:

- Garbage
- Styrofoam
- Hazardous waste and toxic household products
- Electronics, batteries, light bulbs, and CFL's
- Motor oil and paint
- Yard waste

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Why recycle?

A: With just a little effort, recycling pays back huge dividends to our community. The benefits of recycling are:

- Saves energy.
- Reduces pollution.
- Preserves natural resources.
- Decreases the amount of materials buried in landfills.
- Minimizes the expansion of landfills in residential areas.
- Reduces our reliance on landfills.

Q: What is single-stream recycling?

A: Instead of separating your recyclables, you can put them **all-in-one** roll cart for automated collection into one single stream of materials in one container instead of separating out into two separate streams into two containers (dual stream). The sorting is done for you at the recycling center. We make it easier so you'll recycle more!

Q: Can I use my existing blue recycling bin?

A: Yes, you are welcome to continue using the smaller blue bins. However, if you do not want the blue bins anymore, please return them by dropping them off at the Seabrook Recycling Center at 2902 Seabrook Island Road, behind the garden plots.

Q: Where should I place the cart?

A: It is very important that you place your roll cart properly at the curb so the robotic arm can lift it. Keep a clearance zone of 3 feet around the cart, away from mailboxes, parked cars, trash cans or trees.

Q: When should I put the cart out?

A: Your cart should be at the curb before 7:00 am on Mondays. After it is emptied, return it to your garage or backyard storage area to keep it safe and clean.

Q: What about large corrugated cardboard boxes?

A: Corrugated cardboard is valuable for recycling. Please flatten your boxes and put them in the cart. If your boxes do not fit in the cart, break them down and place beside the cart. Please cut large appliance boxes down to sizes closer to 3 x 3 feet so they fit in the truck.