

# How to recycle properly

Please DO NOT put any type of plastic bags or horticulture into your bins, this contaminates the recyclables. If you must collect your recyclables in a plastic bag, please rip it open and dump your recyclables into the container and throw the plastic bag into the garbage container.

## SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENCES

All aluminum, glass, rigid plastic containers, paper and metal should be placed in your recycle container and set out at the curb by 6:00 a.m. on your recycling pick up day.

It is no longer required for you to use a separate container for paper items. Now all recyclable material can go in the same recycle container.

### NO PLASTIC BAGS AND NO SHREDDED PAPER!

Corrugated cardboard should be flattened (4' x 6') and placed beside or under the recycling container.

Call the Solid Waste Division at 533-8000 if you need an additional recycling container.

## MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENCES

All aluminum, glass, rigid plastic containers and metal should be placed in the container at your complex marked for commingled material.

All parts of the newspaper, phone books, magazines, flattened cardboard and corrugated cardboard, etc., should be placed in the container marked for paper only. Don't forget to include junk-mail as part of your recyclable paper. Please

**DO NOT INCLUDE LOOSE OR BAGGED SHREDDED PAPER!**



Lee County  
Solid Waste Division - (239) 533-8000



### PLASTICS

All Rigid  
Containers  
With # 1-7

on bottom and  
black nursery pots

### METAL

Cans &  
Empty  
Aerosol  
Cans

### ALUMINUM

Cans  
Foil  
Pie Pans

### GLASS

Green, Clear &  
Brown Bottles  
& Jars

Some containers may need rinsing prior to placement in the recycling container.



## Recyclable



## Not Recyclable

### PAPER

Catalogs, Magazines  
All of the Newspaper

Corrugated Cardboard (including empty  
Pizza boxes) Fiberboard

(Cereal & Cracker boxes, Beverage Car-  
rying containers, Shoe & Gift boxes, etc.)

Paper Grocery and Shopping Bags  
Telephone Books

Computer and Office Paper  
Junk Mail

Please flatten all cardboard. Large card-  
board boxes need to be broken down  
and flattened to 4' x 6'.

### ALUMINUM

Lawn Furniture  
Cooking Utensils  
Door Screens  
Pots/Pans

### METAL

Knives, Forks  
Spoons  
License Plates  
Car Parts  
Tools

### PLASTICS

Auto Fluid Containers  
Pool Chemical Bottles  
Plastic Grocery Bags  
Newspaper Sleeves  
Polystyrene Trays  
Flower Pots  
Egg Cartons  
Styrofoam

### PAPER

Shredded Paper  
Juice boxes & Milk Cartons  
(cardboard packaging  
with a wax layer)

### GLASS

Dishes  
Mirrors  
Windows  
Drinking Glasses  
Medicine Bottles  
Cookware  
(Pyrex, Corning, etc.)





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# Why recycle

Recycling is your chance to help keep our planet healthy and takes little effort. By recycling, we help to reduce the amount of garbage we produce, save energy, and preserve our natural resources. It seems like such a small thing, but the rewards are endless.

## Consider this:

-  A stack of newspapers only three feet high equals one 30-foot tree.
-  Every ton of paper recycled saves 17 trees and approximately 380 gallons of oil.
-  Each ton of recycled glass saves nine gallons of fuel. Energy saved from recycling one glass bottle will light a 100-watt bulb for four hours.
-  Throwing away only one aluminum can wastes as much energy as pouring out a whole cup of gasoline. The energy savings from recycling that one aluminum can will operate a television set for three hours.

Every single can, bottle, plastic jug, newspaper, cardboard box and corrugated box that is recycled is a step toward easing the burden we place on our environment. Recycling also reduces the United States' dependence on foreign oil imports. **Participation in Lee County's recycling program can lead towards stabilization of garbage assesment rates.** We urge you to recycle whenever possible.

**YOU are the most important part of the Lee County Recycling Program.** Consider that the average household generates almost 25 pounds of recyclable material every week. So a typical neighborhood with about 30 houses produces a ton and a half of material every month that should be recycled. Multiply that ton and a half by every neighborhood in Lee County, and it's easy to see how quickly the savings accumulate. You, and your neighbors, are the cornerstones of our recycling program's success.

**Because of your efforts, Lee County's recycling program has ranked in the Top 10 counties in the State of Florida since 2002! For the reporting period of 2013 Lee County ranked second in the state.**

# Unlock the Power of Recycling!



Call the Lee  
County Solid  
Waste Division  
at 533-8000  
for a recycling  
container