

# Residential Trash, Garbage & Recycling Pickup FAQs

## When do I put my carts or bins out for weekly curbside pickup?

Wheel your carts to the street and place them curbside by 6 a.m. on your collection day. Do not overload carts; the lids must close completely. Overage fees may apply to overfilled carts. Make sure that all trash and debris is in the cart. Garbage or waste left beside carts may not be collected\*.

\*One large item (not a waste bag) can be left out for collection each week. You must contact Waste Management to arrange for pickup.

## What items do NOT go into the trash?

The following hazardous household waste items should NOT be treated as everyday garbage and should NOT be disposed of curbside, in your totes, bins or carts:

- Batteries
- Electronics
- Fluorescent light bulbs
- Paint and paint cans
- Used motor oil and filters
- Prescription medications

WM has drop-off locations across the United States and in Canada. You can contact Waste Management to find a location dispose of your aforementioned household hazardous waste.

## What items can I put into the trash?

The following items are included in everyday trash. These items can be placed in your curbside totes, bins, cans or containers.

- Diapers
- Disposable razors
- Cat litter and pet feces
- Glassware and ceramic dishes/cups
- Hoses and wire
- Juice boxes/pouches
- Non-fluorescent light bulbs
- Sheet glass (windows, mirrors, etc.)
- Foam cups or packing materials
- Treated wood (painted, stained, etc.)

## What items and materials are recyclable?

Generally, the items below can be placed in your curbside recycling containers, bins or totes. These items should be clean and loose — remove from any additional packaging and do not bag them.

For more information on recyclable and non-recyclable materials, check out our [Recycling 101 page](#). Found at [www.wm.com](http://www.wm.com)

- All plastics #1-7 (except foam cups or packing materials)
- Aluminum foil products (cans, baking tins and foil)
- Paper bags
- Cardboard
- Clean paper
- Glass containers
- Scrap metal (cookie sheets, utensils)

## What items and materials are not recyclable?

Non-recyclable materials should be placed in your standard trash receptacles. Be certain that your trash cans, containers, bins or carts are not overloaded and that their lids can close all the way. Additional fees may apply for overfilled containers.

Typically, items below cannot be recycled via curbside recycling programs. For more information on recyclable and non-recyclable materials, check out our [Recycling 101 page](#). Found at [www.wm.com](http://www.wm.com)

- Plastic bags (these can often be returned to a local grocery store)
- Ceramic dishes, cups and glassware
- Juice boxes/juice pouches
- Foam cups or packing materials
- Windows, mirrors, sheet glass

WM provides drop-off locations across the United States and in Canada. Locations can be found on [www.wm.com](http://www.wm.com) to dispose of extra-large or bulky non-recyclable items in a proper and responsible manner. Bulky items are those that are too big or heavy for your regular trash container or bin

## What items can never be placed curbside, as trash or recycling?

Some items are too hazardous for recycling or disposal in a landfill. Search for a drop-off location at [www.wm.com](http://www.wm.com) that accepts these items and plan for drop-off. Fees, terms and conditions may apply.

- Paint, stain, varnish, thinner and adhesives
- Automotive products such as old fuel, anti-freeze, brake fluid, motor oil and oil filters
- Household cleaners with ammonia or bleach

- Aerosol cans
- Fluorescent light bulbs and lamps
- Computer equipment
- Dead animals
- Garden products including pesticides, herbicides and fertilizers
- Propane tanks and fire extinguishers
- Pool or photographic chemicals
- Thermostats, thermometers and other items containing mercury
- Expired prescriptions and non-prescription medications (no controlled substances)
- Sharps (syringes, needles, etc.)\*
- Ammunitions, firearms\*\*

*\*WM has a mail-back service for sharps disposal. [Contact us](#) at 262-369-3080 to arrange this service.*

*\*\*WM does not accept these items. Contact your local police or sheriff's office for disposal instructions.*