

Questions?

Can I put anything with the recycling symbol on it in my blue cart?

No, we are not able to take all plastic items in our curbside carts. However, many of them, such as flower pots, buckets, laundry baskets, lawn furniture, yogurt cups and other similar plastic items are accepted at our Transfer Station.

What should I do with metal items that can't be placed in my blue cart?

You can bring many types of scrap metal to the Transfer Station for recycling at no charge. Some examples are old bicycles, BBQs, metal rain gutters, metal fencing, and metal filing cabinets or furniture.

Is there a charge to recycle televisions, computers, printers or other electronics?

This service is free of charge; business and residential customers should bring these items to the Transfer Station. If you have more than 10 items, please call ahead to let us know.

What should I do with household hazardous waste?

Residents who have used or leftover hazardous waste such as old paint, used motor oil and filters, car batteries, pesticides, old gas, or cleaning products, etc. can bring them to the Hazardous Waste Facility located at the Transfer Station, free of charge. There is a 5 gallon or 50 pound per trip limit and wastes are only accepted Thursday – Saturday from 9 am to 4 pm. Universal waste such as fluorescent light tubes, compact fluorescent lights and household batteries are accepted from residents Tuesday – Saturday from 9 am to 4 pm; businesses by appointment only.

Guide to Curbside Recycling



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Recycle

Items You Should Place In Your Blue Cart

- **Cardboard boxes** – boxes must be flattened and large boxes should be cut into pieces small enough to fit into your cart loosely.
- **Glass bottles & jars** – food and beverage containers, such as wine or beer bottles, pasta or pickle jars, etc.
- **Plastic bottles & jugs** – #1 and #2 only. Soda and water bottles, milk jugs, laundry detergent, shampoo bottles, etc. As a general rule, the mouth of the container should be smaller than the base.
- **Tin or steel cans** – soup, canned foods, dog food, tuna fish.
- **Aluminum** – aluminum drink cans only.
- **Newspaper & paper egg cartons**
- **Magazines, catalogs, junk mail & envelopes**
- **Pasteboard boxes** – cereal, cracker and shoe boxes, cake mix, Kleenex. Be sure to remove all plastic liners and packaging materials. We cannot recycle boxes with foil or coated paper, please place these in your garbage cart.
- **Office paper, manila folders, paper bags**



The City of Redding Solid Waste Utility began the fully automated single-stream curbside recycling program in early 2001. "Single-stream" means that all acceptable types of recyclables can go into one cart.

Once the recyclables are brought to the Transfer Station, they are dumped out of the truck and loaded onto a series of conveyor belts where workers at different stations separate the various types of recyclables (and remove items that don't belong).

Some Things to Remember

- Please remember to remove any plastic wrap or bags from around magazines, newspapers, or drink trays before placing them in your cart.
- Containers should be thoroughly rinsed.
- Remove lids from all containers.
- Labels do not need to be removed from containers.
- If a recycling cart contains non-recyclable items (contamination) three times in three years it will be removed.
- **DO NOT** bag recyclables (paper or plastic) or nest items inside each other.
- Wait until cart is at least half full before placing out for collection.

These Items are NOT Accepted in Your Blue Cart

- NO PLASTIC BAGS or plastic wrap
- Styrofoam - cups, packaging, peanuts
- Aluminum foil, food trays or pie tins, and aluminum pet food cans
- Shredded paper
- Pizza boxes
- Containers with food residue - all containers need to be thoroughly rinsed out
- Napkins, paper plates, paper towels, tissues, diapers
- Food
- Coated cartons and boxes - milk, orange juice and soy milk cartons, ice cream containers
- Mirrors, windows, drinking glasses, ceramic, china, Pyrex, or light bulbs
- Dog/Cat food bags
- Hazardous waste, aerosol cans, paint cans, motor oil or antifreeze bottles
- Books – softbound and hardbound
- Plastic toys, Tupperware, or other miscellaneous plastics that aren't #1 or #2
- Clothing – including shoes and purses
- Scrap metal - pots & pans, pipe, chain, etc.
- Wire, rope, garden hoses, irrigation pipes, PVC pipe, Christmas tree lights
- Green waste - leaves, branches, grass, etc.
- Household batteries or fluorescent lights
- Blankets, pillows, stuffed animals
- Furniture

