Items to Keep Out of Your Recycling Cart

Separate Your Waste Correctly

Many common household items are not accepted in a curbside recycling cart. One example is plastic bags. Most curbside recycling programs do not accept this material, including Charleston County's recycling program. Here's why.

Recycling facilities use a combination of manual labor and equipment to sort recyclables, relying on machinery to process the vast majority of the material. Equipment separates paper from rigid materials such as: aluminum cans, glass bottles, plastic bottles and containers, and steel cans. Recycling facilities do not want to receive soft items, such as clothing or "soft plastics," which consist of items like plastic shopping bags, bubble wrap, saran wrap, and Zip-loc bags. Soft plastics are often categorized as "hard to recycle" items because they have a tendency to wrap around processing equipment causing the plant to shut down to allow workers to cut them off of the machinery.

Do not bag your recyclables. Place recyclable items loose in your recycling cart, not inside plastic bags or boxes.

These items can be recycled into new materials, but they require a different collection system and processing equipment than many curbside recycling programs provide.

RECYCLE RIGHT

Please do not place these items in your recycling cart:

- No Plastic Bags or "Soft Plastics"
- No Shredded Paper
- No Cartons
- No Hoses or "Tanglers"
- No Medical Waste
- No Construction Waste
- No Batteries
- No Clothing or Textiles
- No Light Bulbs
- No Electronic Waste
- No Food Waste
- No Styrofoam Containers or Packaging

Shoppers are encouraged to return their clean, plastic shopping bags to a participating retailer to be recycled. Many of these retailers also accept plastic wrap, which is material like dry cleaning bags, bread bags, and the packaging that goes around toilet paper. Remember to bring your reusable bags when you go shopping.

Another example of a common household item not accepted in Charleston County's recycling program is styrofoam packaging and containers. Like plastic bags, technically this material can be recycled, but Charleston County does not accept this material due to the challenges presented when processing and transporting this material. Please place these items in the garbage.

So what then should be placed in your recycling cart? Items you would buy in a grocery store such as: aluminum and steel cans, plastic bottles and containers, glass bottles and jars, and paper products like magazines, paper board, office paper, mail, notepads, and of course, cardboard boxes.

A good motto to go by is: "when in doubt, keep it out." If you have any questions about recycling, please contact customer service at (843) 720-7111 or email us at: recycle@charlestoncounty.org.

RECYCLING GUIDELINES

How to Recycle Right!

Please ONLY recycle Items like these:

RECYCLE CHARLESTON COUNTY

PAPER

office paper

cardboard

mail

magazines

food boxes

note pads

PLASTIC BOTTLES &CONTAINERS

ALUMINUM & STEEL CANS

GLASS JARS & BOTTLES

Do Not Recycle, Place in Garbage:

- Plastic Bags
- Plastic Wrap
- Styrofoam
- Food Waste
- Shredded Paper
- Medical Waste
- Construction Debris
- Garden Hoses

Donate:

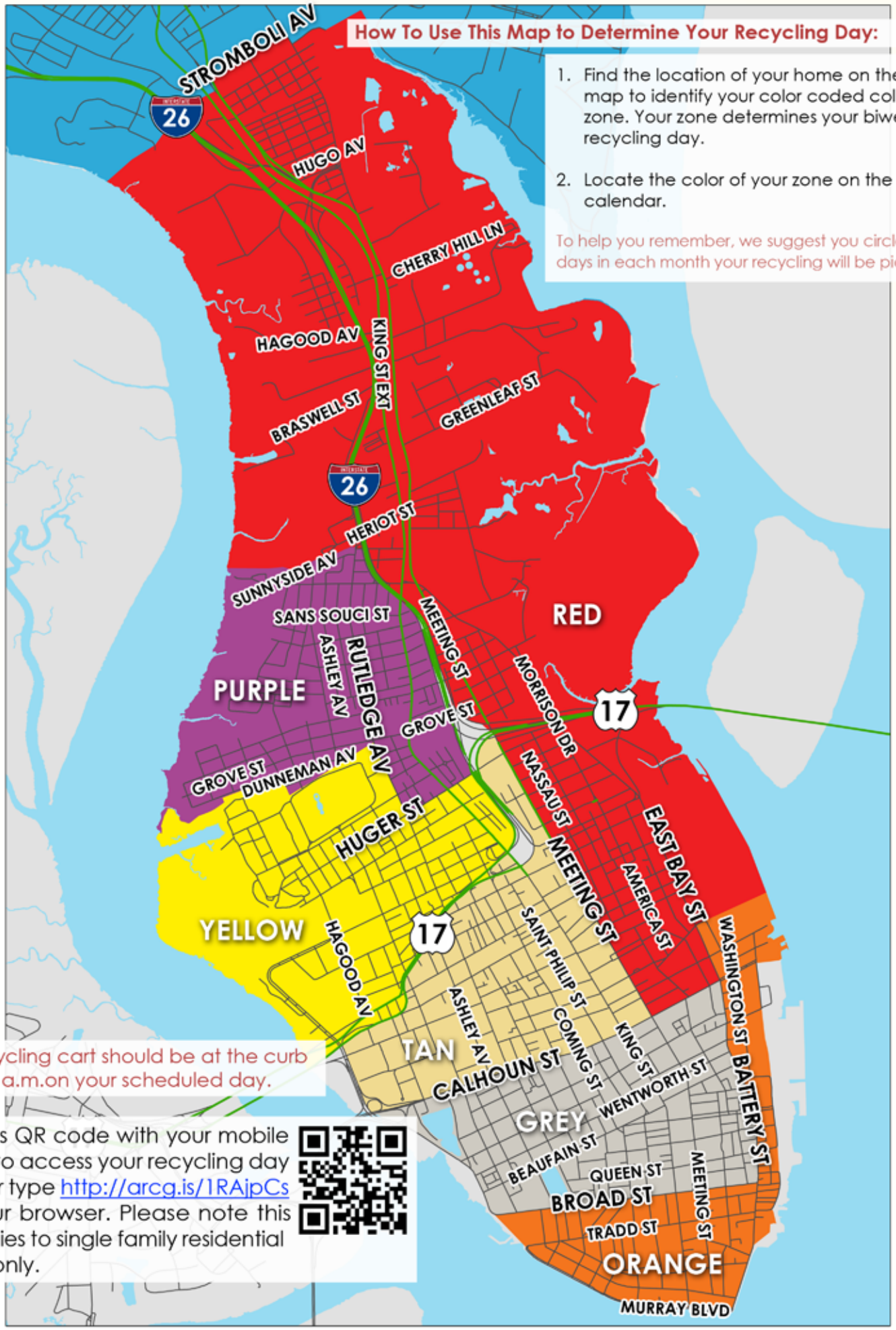
- Clothing & Shoes
- Household Goods
- Toys, Books, CDs
- Furniture

Drop Off at a Charleston County Recyling Convenience Center:

Electronics, Light Bulbs, Batteries, Chemicals, Paint, Tires, Scrap Metal and Oil

recycle.charlestoncounty.org (843) 720-7111

WHEN IS MY RECYCLING DAY?



How To Use This Map to Determine Your Recycling Day:

1. Find the location of your home on the map to identify your color coded collection zone. Your zone determines your biweekly recycling day.
2. Locate the color of your zone on the calendar.

To help you remember, we suggest you circle the days in each month your recycling will be picked up!

Your recycling cart should be at the curb before 7 a.m.on your scheduled day.

Scan this QR code with your mobile device to access your recycling day online or type http://arcg.is/1RAjpCs into your browser. Please note this site applies to single family residential homes only.

2016 RESIDENTIAL RECYCLING SCHEDULE

Recycling is picked up every other week. Note, business accounts are picked up weekly and should not use this schedule.
If you need assistance identifying your recycling day, please call customer service at (843) 720-7111.

Week #1

- Monday - Yellow
- Wednesday - Red
- Tuesday - Purple

Week #2

- Monday - Orange
- Wednesday - Tan
- Tuesday - Grey

Holidays are indicated by an " x " on the recycling calendar. You will not receive service on these days. Holiday makeup days occur on the day following your regularly scheduled pickup day.

July

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
					1	2
3	x	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						

August

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

September

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
				1	2	3
4	x	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

October

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
						1
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16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

November

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
		1	2	3	4	5
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13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	x	25	26
27	28	29	30			

December

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	x	27	28	29	30	31

Don't Just Recycle. **RECYCLE RIGHT**

SHREDDED PAPER IS NO LONGER ACCEPTED FOR RECYCLING

Shredded paper is too small to sort - the pieces fall through the cracks of sorting equipment, stick to the belts, end up all over the floor and often get mixed in with glass, thereby contaminating recovered glass. Please avoid shredding when possible. Compost shredded materials in your backyard composting system (if you have one) or save your shredded paper for the next local shredding event in the community. Otherwise, please place shredded paper in the garbage.

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Shipping packaging, such as bubble wrap, air pillows, and styrofoam, is not accepted for recycling in Charleston County's recycling program. Reuse, place in garbage, or check with your local pack and mail retail facility to see if they will take back this material.

CONVENIENCE CENTERS AND DROPSITES

- Dropsite Locations (un-manned) recyclables only
- Convenience Centers (staffed centers) Visit recycle.charlestoncounty.org for hours of operation.
- Corrugated Cardboard
- Household Hazardous Waste paint, pesticides, fertilizers, batteries, CFL bulbs
- Used Motor Oil & Cooking Oil
- Used Electronics, Computers and TVs
- Tires

WEST ASHLEY

Bees Ferry Road Convenience Center
1344 Bees Ferry Road, 29414

Cisco's Parking Lot
1114 Sam Rittenberg Boulevard, 29407
(Restaurant now closed)

Food Lion Shopping Center
65 Sycamore Avenue, 29407

1023 Wappoo Road
off Sam Rittenberg Boulevard, 29407

FOLLY BEACH

Bert's Red and White parking lot
202 East Ashley Avenue, 29439

MOUNT PLEASANT

Mt. Pleasant Town Hall
100 Ann Edwards Lane, 29464

Whipple Road
at Recreation Complex, 29464

East Cooper Medical Center
2000 Hospital Drive, 29464

East Cooper Service Center
1189 Sweetgrass Basket Parkway, 29464

Wild Dunes Convention Center
5803 Palmetto Drive, IOP 29451

Fire Station #1
1174 Pavilion Drive, IOP, 29451

NORTH CHARLESTON AREA

Charleston Air Force Base
Parking lot at Arthur Drive and Gross Avenue

Charleston County Public Services Bldg.
4045 Bridge View Drive, 29405

Park Circle
Center of circle, 29405

Trident Technical College
7000 Rivers Avenue, 29406

Cross County Road Fire Station
7270A Cross County Road, 29418

Charleston County Library
6325 Dorchester Road, 29418

Fox Music Parking Lot
3005 West Montague Avenue, 29418
(Behind Building 300)

AWENDAW AND McCLELLANVILLE

Maxville Road Convenience Center
6380 Maxville Road, Awendaw, 29429

River Road Convenience Center
1775 River Road, McClellanville, 29458

WADMALAW AND EDISTO

Edisto Convenience Center
2844 Highway 174, Edisto Island, 29438

Wadmalaw Convenience Center
1558 Liberia Road, Wadmalaw, 29487

DOWNTOWN CHARLESTON

Charleston County Recycling Center
13 Romney Street, 29403
(843) 720-7111

529 King Street, 29403
(Behind Dixie Furniture)

The Citadel
171 Moultrie Street, 29403

MUSC Harper Wellness Center
45 Courtenay Drive, 29401
(off Bee Street behind Wellness Center)

Charleston City Marina
17 Lockwood Drive, 29401

Charleston County Main Library
68 Calhoun Street, 29401

JAMES ISLAND

Signal Point Road Convenience Center
1716 Signal Point Road, 29412

JOHNS ISLAND

St. John's High School
1518 Main Road, 29455

HOLLYWOOD

Adams Run Convenience Center
8326 Old Jacksonboro Road, 29426

St. Paul's Service Center
5962 Highway 165, Ravenel, 29470

Hollywood Convenience Center
5305 Highway 165, Hollywood, 29449

Baptist Hill Middle/High School
5117 Baptist Hill Road, Hollywood, 29449

Call (843) 720-7111 to find out how you can get a recycling roll cart.

Drop off these items for recycling at one of Charleston County's nine staffed convenience centers. Note, tires are not accepted downtown at Romney Street location.

recycle.charlestoncounty.org

Charleston County Environmental Management
13 Romney Street
Charleston, SC 29403-3844

Ph: (843) 720-7111

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Your continued support keeps recyclable materials from being buried in our landfill!

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Charleston County Environmental Management does not collect trash.

Trash pick-up is managed by the various municipalities and public service districts (PSD) throughout the County.

Questions about your trash collection?

City of Charleston	(843) 723-2278	Mount Pleasant	(843) 884-8517
Folly Beach	(843) 588-2447	North Charleston	(843) 745-1026
Isle of Palms	(843) 886-8956	Seabrook Island	(843) 768-9121
James Island PSD	(843) 795-9060	St. Andrews PSD	(843) 556-6310
Kiawah Island	(843) 768-9166	Sullivan's Island	(843) 883-3198
Lincolnville	(843) 873-3261	Waste Pro	(843) 619-0800

PREMIUM COMPOST FOR SALE

Bees Ferry Compost Facility
1344 Bees Ferry Road
West Ashley
(843) 763-8564

US Composting Council
Seal of Testing Assurance

TABLE to FARM

Bees Ferry Compost Facility

Compost Food Scraps

You've heard about farm to table, but what about *table* to *farm*?

Food scraps generated from local restaurants can be composted to create a nutrient-rich soil amendment that area farmers can apply to their crops. Local restaurants can complete the composting loop by purveying from local farmers. Food scrap generators, call **(843) 720-7111** for more info.

Buy compost at:

The Bees Ferry Compost Facility
1344 Bees Ferry Road
Monday - Friday 8am - 4pm
Saturday 8am - 3pm

Charleston County Recycling Center
13 Romney Street (downtown)
Monday - Friday 8am - 5pm

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