

# Co-mingled Recyclables

*All in One Bin...Easy!*

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re·cy·cla·bles—  
to mix ALL accepted  
recyclables together in  
the same recycle bin.

Place bin curbside on  
your scheduled  
sanitation pickup day.

**It's that easy!**



## Why Recycle?

Recycling means reusing items we would normally put in the trash – items like aluminum cans, plastic bottles and newspapers. By recycling these items, we essentially remove them from the waste stream, converting them to new, reusable items.

Recycling:

- conserves valuable landfill space
- saves energy
- saves our natural resources – trees, fuels and metals
- protects our vital water supply
- protects plant and animal life
- helps control litter
- safeguards our environment for future generations

Recycling is part of the overall solution to reducing waste, and we can all help by participating **in our community's recycling program.**

All it takes is a behavior change, something as simple as tossing items into a separate container from our regular garbage containers.



## Plastics

**Accepted:** All plastics marked with a #1-7 recycle symbol — water and soft drink bottles, milk and juice jugs, detergent and bleach bottles, yogurt and margarine tubs, and plastic grocery bags.

**Not Accepted:** Motor oil bottles and other automotive products, or styrofoam.

## Paper

**Accepted:** Newspaper, magazines, hardcover or paper back books, phone books, junk mail, office paper, catalogs, corrugated cardboard, paper-board or chipboard containers (cereal, cracker, cake mix, shoe and gift boxes), toilet paper and paper towel rolls, carrier stock (cardboard drink boxes), gift wrap, blue prints, shredded paper.

**Not Accepted:** Photographs, carbon paper, paper towels, napkins or tissues, waxed or coated papers or containers (such as juice boxes or frozen food containers), soiled paper or boxes contaminated with food, pet food, kitty litter, fertilizer or charcoal bags, or candy wrappers.

## Metal and Aluminum

**Accepted:** Steel and bi-metal cans including canned food can. Aluminum cans.

**Not Accepted:** Scrap metal, metal coat hangers

**NO GLASS or STYROFOAM accepted.**

## Yard Waste and the 3 R's

There are four ways that yard waste can be reduced, reused, or recycled:

1. Proper plant selection.
2. Use it for mulch.
3. Compost.
4. Use biodegradable bags for grass clippings and leaves (No plastic bags, please).

## Holiday Pickup Schedule

The City of Douglasville will not perform **collection on the following holidays; New Year's Day, Martin Luther King Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Veteran's Day, Thanksgiving holidays (2 days) and Christmas holidays (2 days).**

During the holiday week, regular collection dates may be altered. Please check for the notification flyer on your cart the week prior to the holiday week or call the Sanitation Department for the holiday schedule. Christmas trees will be collected on the same day as your scheduled collection day. Christmas trees may also **be recycled in January at the annual "Bring One for the Chipper" Christmas tree recycling event.** Please, no artificial trees.

## Illegal Dumping

Illegal dumping is a major problem that raises significant concerns with regard to safety, property values, and quality of life in our communities. In addition, it is a major economic burden on local government to deal with dump sites. Causing or allowing open dumping is illegal and may result in substantial penalties. Please report illegal dumping to the City of **Douglasville's Code Enforcement at 770-920-3000** or notify the Sanitation Department.

## Keep Douglasville Beautiful



Keep Douglasville Beautiful is charged with practicing, promoting and encouraging environmental stewardship through public education and community-based projects, which

emphasize waste reduction, recycling, litter abatement and beautification. For assistance starting a recycling program, arranging a toner cartridge pick up, providing environmental education or to get involved in an upcoming event, please contact KDB at 678-715-6975 or [info@keepdouglasvillebeautiful.org](mailto:info@keepdouglasvillebeautiful.org) or visit us online at [www.KeepDouglasvilleBeautiful.org](http://www.KeepDouglasvilleBeautiful.org).

# Frequently Asked Questions about the City of Douglasville's Sanitation and Curbside Recycling

**What are my sanitation options/rates?** The City of Douglasville offers its residents two options for the collection and disposal of household garbage—(1) 90-gal. cart, \$19.50/mo. (2) 65-gal. cart, \$16.50/mo. Residents who have Option 1 (90-gal. cart) and find their weekly garbage does not fit into the container may elect to order a second container for an additional fee—additional 65-gal. cart, \$4.40/mo. or additional 90-gal. cart, \$6.50/mo.

A special program is available for senior adults 64 years of age and older, with proof of age and no other adults living in the house aside from a spouse, 65-gal. cart, \$3.00/mo. Backdoor pickup is available to handicapped or special needs residents, with proof of medical condition and no other able-bodied adults living in household.

**What time will my garbage be picked up?** Pick up times vary. All residents should have their City of Douglasville carts (no personal containers may be used) placed at the curb by 7:00 am on your scheduled collection day.

**How am I billed for my sanitation service?** Monthly fees for the sanitation service are charged to your water bill each month.

**What do I do with excess garbage that will not fit in my cart?** Excess garbage that will not fit in your cart (lid must close completely closed) may be placed beside your cart in tied plastic bags and attached with a City of Douglasville Sanitation Sticker that is visible from the street.

**Where do I get the City Sanitation Stickers for my excess garbage?** Stickers may be purchased at City Hall (6695 Church Street) at a cost of \$1 each and sold in lots of five.

**What is the fee for curbside recycling?** There is no additional fee for curbside recycling — it is included in your sanitation rate.

**When is my curbside recycling picked up?** Curbside recycling is collected on the same day as your regular sanitation. A separate truck picks up recycling. As with sanitation, recycling bins should be placed at the curb by 7:00 am on your scheduled collection day.

**Will you pick up appliances or bulky items?** The City will pickup large items for a minimum fee of \$25. Please call to schedule a special pickup.

**What are the Spring and Fall Cleanup Weeks?** One week during the Spring and Fall the City picks up large items such as furniture and appliances for no charge. A special pickup does not need to be requested for these weeks. Items should be placed at curb by 7:00 am on your scheduled collection day. Dates are TBA.

**Do I need to call for a special pickup for my yard waste?** No special pickup is necessary. Yard waste is picked up weekly on your scheduled sanitation day. Please do not hold yard waste for Spring and Fall Cleanup. Brushes, vines and small limbs no longer than 5 feet or 6 inches in diameter may be placed by the curb. Grass clippings and leaves must be bagged in biodegradable bags.

**Why was my garbage not picked up?** Garbage must fit in cart with lid completely closed and be at the curb by 7:00 am. Carts that are not at the curb by 7:00 am or have lids that are not completely closed may not be picked up.

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# Reduce, Reuse, Recycle



Residential Sanitation and Curbside Recycling Information from the City of Douglasville

