

# Forsyth Recycling Program

## Do's and Don'ts



### Acceptable Materials for the Recycling Program and Proper Preparation

The following items are collected for recycling in the City of Forsyth's curbside program:

- food and beverage cans
- aluminum foil and trays
- plastic **bottles**
- plastic beverage rings
- white paper, including junk mail
- newspaper and all inserts
- magazines and catalogs

City of Forsyth residents can help collection crews by preparing the recyclable materials as described below before placing them in the recycling bin:

**Metal food and beverage cans** should be *rinsed*. Please place the *lids of steel food cans inside the can* for safety. If possible, please *crush your beverage cans* before depositing them in the recycling bin. Aluminum foil and trays must be completely free of food debris to be recycled. If you are not willing to clean the food off these foil items, please dispose of them in the trash. Steel and aluminum food and beverage cans and aluminum foil and trays are the *only* metal products the City of Forsyth collects for recycling. Items such as metal oil cans or metal containers for non-food products **cannot** be recycled through the City of Forsyth's programs.

All plastic **bottles** and **soft plastic beverage rings** can be recycled in the City's programs. Plastic **BOTTLES** should be *rinsed* thoroughly. To help save space, please *crush the bottles*, before putting them in the recycling bin. Plastic **bottles** are the *only* plastic containers the City collects for recycling. A bottle is defined as having a "neck" that is narrower than its base and usually has a screw on type lid. Items such as plastic yogurt cups, margarine tubs, and food service trays, **cannot** be recycled through Forsyth's recycling programs. We also cannot accept plastic bottles that previously contained **hazardous liquids such as oil, chemicals or pesticides**. **If the container has the poison symbol on it, please do not place it in the recycling bin.**

**Newspapers and all inserts, magazines and catalogs and WHITE paper** should be **removed from any plastic bags or coverings, stacked neatly, tied with a string into a bundle and placed on top of the other materials in the recycling bin or placed in a brown paper grocery bag**. This will keep the newspapers from accidentally being blown onto the city streets. *White* paper includes all *white* paper you receive through the mail (any color of *printing* or designs on white paper is acceptable), *white* envelopes (including window envelopes), and *white* copy and fax paper, printed or blank. **Please, no colored paper or envelopes; checkbooks; books; carbon paper; paper with adhesive backing; or paper bags, napkins, tissues or other paper products. And please, NO UNOPENED MAIL** - it may contain items such as colored paper, promotional stickers or product samples, which could make our material unacceptable for recycling. Place paper products on top of all containers in the recycling bin.

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