

## City of Forsyth Recycling

### Curbside Program

The City of Forsyth wants to make curbside recycling simple and convenient for you. Recycling is easy, and it's rewarding. Just a few minutes a day is all it takes to do your part to

help reduce the amount of solid waste we put in our landfills.



**Forsyth Recycling**, the City's recycling program, provides residents with curbside recycling collection **every Wednesday**. The following items are collected for recycling from residents:

- newspaper and all inserts;
- magazines and catalogs;
- white paper and white paper direct mail (**junk mail**);
- food and beverage cans;
- all #1 and #2 plastic **drink** bottles,
  - aluminum.

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To participate in this convenient curbside program, simply place your recyclables in your **Forsyth Recycling bin** and set it at the curb, not in the street, by 7 a.m. on your designated collection days. The City of Forsyth will notify you of any changes in the schedule due to **holidays**.

Your recycling container has been provided by the City of Forsyth **for recycling purposes only**. . . . If you move, please leave your container for the next resident to use. If you have more recyclables than your container will hold, you may call the City's Public Works Department at 478-994-2381, or you may [purchase an additional recycling bin](#) from the City of Forsyth for \$8.00 each (our cost). You may also use any other container that is similar in shape and size to the green recycling bin.

If you have a mobility impairment **and no one in your household can move the recycling container to and from the curb**, **Forsyth Recycling** can help. Call to arrange for assistance.

If you have any questions about recyclable items or **missed collections**, call **Forsyth Recycling** at 478-994-2381 Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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## Frequently Asked Questions



**Q:** I always have too many recyclables to fit in my green recycling bin so I put them all in a [garbage can](#) --- but the recycling crews didn't pick them up. Why not?

**A:** The crews probably missed your recyclables for two important reasons. First, when on their route, they are looking for the green recycling bin. If the green recycling bin is not at the curb, they think that a garbage can is full of ... that's right - garbage! (Garbage is collected on your scheduled [garbage collection](#) days each week.) Second, a garbage can full of recyclables is just too heavy to handle safely! Forsyth's green recycling bins were designed in size and shape for our crews to provide you with efficient service in a safe manner. Remember you can also purchase additional bins at the City's cost for \$8.00 each. So, remember, if you have more recyclables than will fit in your bin:

- be sure additional containers used are comparable in size to the green recycling bins, and,
- be sure the green recycling bin is at the curb with any other containers used!



**Q:** How do I know what my recycling collection schedule is?

**A:** All residents receive *every Wednesday* recycling collection. A [calendar](#) can be viewed and printed from our web site to remind you of your collection schedule and to notify you of any changes due to [holidays](#). Residents may also call (478) 994-5649 to have a calendar mailed to them.



**Q:** How can I tell what [white paper direct](#) (junk) mail is?

**A:** The easiest way to tell if a paper is really white paper is to make a tear in it. If the tear reveals white on the inside, the paper is white paper and it is recyclable in the Raleigh Recycling Program.

**Q:** What can I do if I have too many materials for my one recycling container?

**A:** There are several things you can do:

- Use other household containers to put your materials in for collection (such as a clothes basket, *small* trash can, milk crate, box, etc.)
- [Buy](#) an additional recycling container, like the one you are using now (18 gallon size) for \$8.00.

**Q:** The recycling truck usually goes by my house late in the day. Why should I bother getting my bin out to the curb by 7 a.m. like it says in the brochure?

**A:** Sometimes route schedules change due to employee changes or weather conditions. To ensure you aren't **missed**, be sure to have your recycling bin at the curb by 7 a.m. on Wednesday.

**Q:** My recycling bin is missing or has been damaged. How can I get a replacement?

**A:** You can get a replacement bin by calling **Forsyth Recycling** at **994-2381**. We will arrange to have a bin delivered to you within the next 5 working days.

**Q:** Should I put out my recycling bin when it's raining?

**A:** Absolutely! If you have something you can set on top, that's fine, but nothing in your bin - - including newspaper and white paper junk mail - - will be damaged or destroyed by rainwater. Actually, the first step for most recycling materials is to rinse or soak them in water. Not putting your bin out on a collection day can cause problems later. If many residents set out more recycling bins than usual, recycling crews may end up working extra long days - - sometimes from dawn until dark.

**Q:** Why should I recycle?

**A:** Recycling reduces the amount of waste your household generates and thereby reduces the fees the City must pay for **landfill disposal**. Recycling also saves a variety of resources including energy, water, minerals and trees. Recycling also helps **reduce** pollution. Recycling is good for our environment!

**Q:** What else can I do?

**A:** Become a **Recycling Leader**! It's an easy and fun way to do your part while being involved in your community.

**Got a question not answered here?  
Call Forsyth Recycling at (478) 994-2381.**

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