

Help Your Recycle Truck Driver Help You

Recycling does take a little effort, but following the rules below will ensure your recycle truck driver collects the most recyclables in the best possible condition and you get the best benefit for your effort. The following explanations may help you understand the reasoning behind the rules:

- ⇔ **Separate Your Recyclables** ~ Two years ago Clark County and its cities switched from the 3-bin system to one bin for glass plus a recycling roll cart for almost all the other recyclable materials collected curbside. The new trucks have two sections; one for glass and one for most other materials. When the trucks return to the transfer station where the actual sorting is done, they deposit each category in a different location.
- ⇔ **Place your roll cart at least three feet from other containers** ~ This arrangement allows the automated truck to pick up your recycling cart without knocking over your garbage can or cart.
- ⇔ **Plastic bags are recyclable, but NOT in your cart** ~ Plastic bags tangle in the recycling sorting machinery and prohibit other more valuable commodities from being recycled. Most grocery stores have a special collection container for plastic bags near the front doors.
- ⇔ **Set Glass Bin and Mixed Recycling Cart at the Curb by 6:30 am on Day of Pick Up** ~ Our recycle truck drivers all start picking up recyclables by 6:30 am. You cannot always count on the fact that your driver usually comes by at a certain time; for any number of reasons, the schedule can change. If scavenging is not a problem you may want to set your recycling cart out the night before your pick up is scheduled.
- ⇔ **Cut Cardboard Down to fit inside your Recycling Roll Cart** ~ Cardboard is much more marketable if it is dry. If it is inside the cart, it saves time for the recycling driver and allows him to service more homes in a day, keeping costs down.
- ⇔ **Place Used Motor Oil or Antifreeze in a clear one gallon plastic jug with a screw top lid and place near cart** ~ Motor Oil and Antifreeze will be picked up on a space available basis. Please use clear one-gallon plastic jugs with screw-on lids; they fit snugly in a special space on the truck so they won't spill. Also, please don't mix oil or antifreeze with water, brake fluid, or other liquids. Contaminated oil and antifreeze are not recyclable; they should be disposed of as household hazardous waste.
- ⇔ **Place Scrap Metal (no larger than 24" and less than 35 pounds) Inside Your Recycle Cart** ~ Scrap metal includes brass, aluminum, copper, and steel.
- ⇔ **Place Household Batteries On Top of Your Blue Recycle Cart** ~ Please place all household batteries, including batteries from flashlights, re-chargeable appliances, hearing aids, etc. in a clear, sealed plastic bag on top of your recycle cart.

Recycling does take some work, but done properly, it has many benefits!

See the Brown Pages for additional information: If you received a Clark County Qwest Dex phone book, then you have a wealth of recycling, yard debris and garbage information at your fingertips. Check out the Brown Pages, (right behind the green community section in the front of the book) and you will find the answers to your solid waste questions. Get up to date information from the local WCI website at www.wcnorthwest.com.