

# 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** ~ Clark County is in the process of switching from the 3-bin system to one bin for glass plus a recycling roll cart for almost everything else. It is important to separate glass so we don't end up with glass shards in the newspaper and mixed paper. The new recycle 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.
- ⇔ **Set Recycle Bin and 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 and you don't expect blustery weather, set your bins 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 Gallon Milk Jugs and Set them Beside Your Other Recyclables** ~ Motor Oil and Antifreeze will be picked up on a space available basis; there is only room on the truck for about 18 gallons of oil or antifreeze. Please use plastic milk jugs with screw on lids-the milk jugs 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 wastes.
- ⇔ **Place Scrap Metal (no larger than 24" and less than 35 pounds) Inside Your Recycling Roll Cart** ~
- ⇔ **Recycle plastic buckets, nursery pots and margarine tubs** at the curb in your recycling roll cart. Please do not include clamshell take out containers or containers marked PLA.
- ⇔ **Household Batteries On top of Your Recycling Roll Cart** ~ Please place all household batteries, including batteries from flashlights, re-chargeable appliances, hearing aids, etc. in a clear, re-sealable plastic bag, on top of your roll cart.

Recycling does take some work, but between you and the recycle truck driver, your efforts result in great benefits for you and the environment; recycling does make a difference!

**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 purple map 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](http://www.wcnorthwest.com) or at [www.RecyclingA-Z.com](http://www.RecyclingA-Z.com).