









What Can I Recycle?

Hillsborough County residential trash customers receive weekly curbside recycling collection service. You can do your part to recycle correctly by reviewing the list of program items below that can be recycled in your blue recycling cart and common items that should not be placed in your blue cart. All recyclables should be placed in the blue cart loosely - not bagged.

Program Recyclables (Blue Cart)

	Clean & Empty Plastic Bottles and Containers All plastic bottles and containers emptied of food residue and liquids ARE recyclable in your blue cart. Plastic caps should be left on the bottles. Items NOT recyclable in your blue cart: plastic bags, hoses, PVC, straps, and large plastic items such as kid pools and patio furniture. Plastic bags can be recycled at your local grocery store but should NOT be placed in your blue cart.
	Clean & Empty Aluminum Cans Aluminum beverage cans emptied of liquids ARE recyclable in your blue cart. Large aluminum food trays and pie tins free of food residue can also be recycled in your blue cart. Aluminum foil is NOT recyclable in your blue cart.
	Clean & Empty Glass Bottles and Jars Clean glass food and beverage containers emptied of food residue ARE recyclable in your blue cart. Glass windows, mirrors, serving wear, or pint glasses are NOT recyclable in your blue cart and should be discarded in your grey garbage cart.
	Dry Paper, Newspaper, and Junk Mail All paper that is clean, dry, and easily tears ARE recyclable in your blue cart. Recyclable paper includes magazines, newspaper, construction paper, office paper, envelopes (even with the plastic windows), paperback books, and glossy paper advertisements. Items NOT recyclable in your blue cart: plastic bags, bagged recyclables, shredded paper, tissue paper, and toilet paper. Hard cover books are NOT recyclable in your blue cart but can be donated to local libraries for others to enjoy.
	Clean & Empty Metal Containers Metal food containers, such as vegetable cans and dog/cat food cans, emptied of food residue ARE recyclable in your blue cart. Scrap metal items are NOT recyclable in your blue cart. All aerosol sprays are Household Hazardous Waste and for safety are NOT recyclable in your blue cart.
	Clean & Empty Milk and Juice Cartons Cartons and aseptic gable top containers, such as soy milk cartons, chicken broth cartons, juice boxes, and Florida orange juice cartons, ARE recyclable in your blue cart. Empty food residue before recycling.
	Dry Flattened Cardboard Cardboard boxes ARE recyclable in your blue cart if they are clean, dry, and cut down or folded to fit inside the cart. Pizza boxes are NOT recyclable because they are soiled with food residue and grease. Excess cardboard that will not fit into your blue cart can be taken to a Community Collection Center drop-off recycling container.
	Dry Paperboard Boxes Clean and dry paperboard boxes such as cereal boxes, tissue boxes, paperboard paper towel and toilet paper rolls, and other fiberboard material ARE recyclable in your blue cart.