

HOW SHOULD I CARE FOR MY RECYCLING CART?

When needed, you should clean your cart by washing it with mild soap and water. Doing this regularly should reduce odor and the presence of pests.



HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE & E-WASTE (ELECTRONICS)

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

The Alamance County Landfill does not accept household hazardous waste (HHW); however, they do hold periodic HHW collection events. HHW includes items such as antifreeze, brake fluid, car batteries, cleaners, gasoline, liquid paints, poisons, pesticides, solvents, transmission fluid, weed killer, and etc. These items should not be included in your weekly garbage or recycling collection.



ELECTRONIC WASTE

The Discarded Computer Equipment and Television Management Law, otherwise known as the E-Waste Ban took effect July 1, 2011. This ban regulates the disposal of electronic equipment. This ban will no longer allow landfill disposal of electronics and computers. E-waste includes computers, monitors, printers, cell phones, TVs, etc.

WHAT DO I DO WITH THE ITEMS THAT I CAN'T PLACE IN MY RECYCLING CART?

- **Needles** – contact your local drug store
- **Plastic bags** – return to stores such as a grocery store
- **Hazardous waste, Paint & Pesticides** – Bring to the Alamance County Landfill (336) 376-8902 or look for collection events held in April & October by the Alamance County Landfill.
- **Light bulbs** (CFL only) – return to home improvement stores

WHERE SHOULD I PLACE MY RECYCLING CART FOR PICK-UP?

Your recycle cart should be placed similar to your regular trash cart. It should be located 5 feet away from any obstructions, garbage cart, mail box, shrubbery, or anything that would prevent collection. The cart handle and wheels should face your house. Carts that are not placed properly cannot be picked up. Since the recycle collection is now automated, we are not able to pick up loose materials that you may place outside your container. All recyclables must be placed inside the cart.

WHAT HAPPENS IF MY RECYCLING CART IS STOLEN?

Report a stolen container to the Town of Elon at (336) 584-3601.

WHAT HAPPENS TO THE OLD BINS?

Old bins will be picked up on the final collection day, June 29th, and will be reused by the former recycling contractor. Bins not collected may be used by residents for other purposes such as grass clippings, but they will no longer be picked up for recycling.

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Recycling GUIDE 2012



TOWN OF ELON
104 S. Williamson Ave.
Elon, NC

Dear Elon Residents,

By July 2012, all residents will receive a new 95-gallon recycling cart that will replace the current recycling bins.

Please take a few minutes to familiarize yourself with the Town's policies regarding recycling services. To help residents maintain a clean environment, the Town provides biweekly collection for your recyclables. All carts and materials need to be placed at the street by 7:00 A.M. on your collection day.

Holidays, trash, and recycling collection schedules are advertised through the Town's website and newsletter. If you have any questions or comments about your recycling services, you may call Waste Industries at (336) 229-0525 or Elon Town Hall at (336) 584-3601.

WHY SHOULD I RECYCLE?

Recycling saves landfill space, preserves our natural resources, lowers oil imports, and protects our environment. It is one of the easiest ways to make an environmental difference.

WHY PROVIDE A RECYCLING CART?

The Town is providing residents with this larger 95-gallon recycling cart for several reasons:

- More storage for recyclables, less to throw in the trash
- Less material to the landfill, keeps the landfill in operation longer
- Cleaner and neater, no wind blown litter or other mess at the curb.

Please **RECYCLE** these items:



MIXED PAPER

Includes newspaper, office paper, cereal/food boxes, phone books, magazines, and more.

PLASTICS

Plastics #1-7, including drink bottles, detergent bottles, yogurt cups, and food tubs.



CARDBOARD

Any corrugated boxes.

ALUMINUM AND METAL CANS

Includes tin cans and any aluminum, emptied and rinsed.



GLASS BOTTLES AND JARS

Any color, emptied and rinsed.

CAN I PLACE TRASH IN MY RECYCLING CART?

No, placing trash in your recycle cart is prohibited and may result in discontinuation of service.

DO NOT **RECYCLE** these items:

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| NO garbage | NO styrofoam or bubble wrap |
| NO window glass | NO scrap metal, pots/pans |
| NO clothing | NO pallets or construction material |
| NO plastic toys | NO household hazardous waste |
| NO yard waste | NO plate glass or mirrors |
| NO electronics | NO Pyrex or ceramics |
| NO pizza boxes | NO medical waste (needles, syringes, tubing, IV bags) |
| NO plastic bags | |
| NO light bulbs | – Bag recyclables in paper bags only |
| NO aluminum foil | |

WHAT HAPPENS TO MY RECYCLES?

Waste Industries, the Town's recycling contractor, takes your recyclables to a sorting facility. They sort the items that can be sold to be reused to be made into other products. Your plastics can be made into clothing, toys, carpet, plastic lumber and more. Aluminum cans are recycled into more aluminum products, over and over again. Metal soup and vegetable cans are made into other steel products. Recycled paper can be made into more paper, such as newspapers, greeting cards, paper towels and more. Your cardboard can be recycled into more cardboard and other paper products. These are just a few examples of what your recyclables can turn into.

Questions?

Call Waste Industries Recycling at 336-229-0525