



## Yard Waste

### Three Ways to Handle

Yard waste – such as sticks, small branches, leaves, and grass – by state law must be separated from household trash, and cannot be placed in your green rollout cart. Yard waste can be prepared for collection in one of three ways:

# #1



**Brown Bag It:** Place leaves and yard clippings in brown biodegradable lawn bags. Plastic bags will not be accepted. Maximum 15 bags per pickup.

# #2

**Can It:** Place sticks and brush in containers up to 32 gallons in size. Loose leaves cannot be placed in containers.



**Stack It:** Bundle shrubbery, sticks and branches into neat, manageable stacks. Limbs can be no more than 4 feet long, 12 inches in diameter and 40 pounds in weight.

# #3



# Curbside Recycling 101



Welcome to curbside recycling, Savannah! The black and yellow cart you have received is your link to the City's state-of-the-art curbside system, called "single-stream recycling." Single-stream is a new technology that allows you to drop all of your recyclables – plastic and glass bottles, metal cans, paper and cardboard – into one, big cart. The sorting of those materials happens on our end at a processing facility. Your job is to ensure that only recyclables are tossed in the black cart, and nonrecyclable household trash is tossed in the green cart. We offer this guide as a handy reference to help you decide what goes where.

## What Items Can Be Recycled

- Plastic Bottles, Jugs, and Containers - #1 thru #7 such as soda, juice and water bottles; yogurt and margarine containers; or detergent and shampoo bottles (emptied, rinsed, and without tops or lids)
- Tin, steel, and bi-metal used food cans (emptied and rinsed)
- Aluminum beverage cans (rinsed)
- Glass bottles and jars (clear and colored; emptied, rinsed, without caps or tops)
- Paper items such as newspapers and inserts, junk mail, magazines, catalogs, phone books, paper back books, office paper, white and colored paper (without wax coating)
- Cardboard boxes (flattened), paperboard, brown bags (damp cardboard and paper products will not be accepted and are considered contaminants)



# Prohibited Items

## What Items Can Not Be Recycled

- Household waste, food waste, or food-tainted items
- Disposable diapers and tissues
- Yard waste or dry trash
- Cookware, dinnerware, pots and pans
- Plastic grocery and trash bags
- Wax paper and wax coated items
- Styrofoam cups, containers, or packaging
- Furniture and appliances
- Hazardous household waste
- Glass windows, mirrors, and lightbulbs
- Automotive or electrical parts or materials
- Paper food trays
- Building and construction materials
- Non-paper envelopes, carbon paper
- Medical waste or pharmaceuticals
- Items requiring special handling: lead, acid batteries, tires, liquid waste, paint, pesticides and herbicides
- Wet or damp cardboard, pasteboard, or paper products



## Residential Pickup Schedules

### YARD WASTE

Once a week:  
The day after your household trash collection.

### RECYCLING

Twice a month:  
If your household trash is collected on Monday or Tuesday, your recyclables will be collected on the 1st & 3rd Monday or Tuesday of each month. If your household trash is collected on either Wednesday or Thursday, your recyclables will be collected on the 2nd & 4th Wednesday or Thursday of each month.

### BULK ITEMS

Once a month:  
Check schedule on back; call 311 for special pickup.

### HOUSEHOLD TRASH

Once a week:  
Collection is the same day each week, except for holidays, according to your service area. Only regular household trash and garbage are permitted in the green roll-out cart.



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