

# What can be recycled in Conway? What goes in the blue bin?

## All materials should be clean, empty and dry.

(from [conwayarkansas.gov/sanitation/residential-recycling](http://conwayarkansas.gov/sanitation/residential-recycling))

GO - Plastic #1 and #2 bottles and jugs (water bottles, soda bottles, detergent bottles, shampoo bottles)

GO - Paper (newspaper, flattened cardboard, magazines, paper books)

GO - Cardboard boxes (remove tape and flatten)

GO - Metal Cans (tin, aluminum, steel, soda cans, soup cans, vegetable cans)

GO - Cardboard rolls. The inner roll of paper towels and toilet paper are accepted in recycling.

## What cannot be recycled?

NO - plastic bags

NO - plastic produce containers, to-go food containers, clam shell containers

NO - food waste or animal waste. (Garbage goes in the green garbage bin.)

NO - aluminum foil, aluminum pie tins, aluminum serving trays

NO - single-use cup from a restaurant, coffee shop, or fast food shop

NO - plastic utensils (forks, spoons, knives), flexible plastic (juice pouches, soap pouches)

NO - paper plates, paper cups, coffee cups, napkins, paper towels

NO - aerosol cans

NO - glass (Get a separate glass recycling bin. <https://conwayarkansas.gov/sanitation/service-request/>)

NO - mixed materials (chip bags, chip cans, squeezable juice pouches)

NO - hangers (metal or plastic)

NO - straws, egg cartons

NO - squeeze tubes or squeeze bottles or squeeze pouches

NO - sour cream containers, yogurt containers, or similar containers

NO - flexible plastic (sandwich bags, ziplock bags, bread sacks)

NO - Styrofoam (Place white beaded #6 Styrofoam in clear plastic bag separately; place beside bin.)

NO - plastic vinyl (shower curtains, tarps)

NO - license plates

NO - metal chairs, furniture, lumber, wood, yard waste

NO - metal cookware, metal water bottles

NO - nails, hooks, paint, needles

NO - propane containers

NO - motor oil jugs, chemical buckets, batteries, paint cans

NO - electronic waste, such as televisions, tablets, cellular phones, gaming stations, batteries

NO - tires, clothing, towels

NO - light bulbs of any kind, appliance glass, windowpanes, mirrors, or tempered glass

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## Questions About Recycling in Conway

Should I put my recycling in a plastic bag before I put it in the blue recycle bin? NO! Do not put plastic bags in the recycle bin.

Can I recycle a peanut butter jar? – not usually – only if it is #1 or #2 plastic and if it is CLEAN

Can I recycle a bleach jug or a milk jug? Yes – if it is empty

Can I recycle medicine bottles? NO

Can I recycle my pizza box? NO

Can I recycle cardboard boxes? Yes. Remove tape and flatten.

Can I recycle coffee cups? No. Coffee cups are not accepted in recycling because of the wax or plastic liner. Please do not recycle any paper products that are capable of containing a liquid.

Can I recycle my cereal box? Yes. Just remove the plastic liner first and throw it in the garbage.

Can I throw junk mail in my recycle bin? Yes. Junk mail is accepted. You DO NOT have to remove the thin plastic window.

Can I recycle disposable paper products? No. Do not put paper towels, tissues, or toilet paper in your recycle cart. The fibers in these items are very short and cannot be recycled into new paper products.

Can I put to-go take-out food containers in the recycle bin? No. Please do not put these types of to-go containers in your recycle cart. They are lined with either wax or plastic and cannot be recycled.

Can I put office paper in the recycle bin? Usually. Office paper is accepted in recycling. Staples are fine but please remove paper clips and binder clips. Please do not put laminated paper in your recycle cart.

Can I recycle shredded paper? Yes. Place shredded paper in a separate clear plastic bag and place it beside the bin.

Can I recycle empty tissue boxes? Yes. Empty tissue boxes are accepted items. You do not have to remove the plastic window piece, but it would be great if you did! Thank you!

Can I recycle paper milk containers and paper juice containers? NO

Can I recycle Styrofoam? Yes. In Conway, some types of heavy Styrofoam may be recycled. Place white #6 beaded packing-weight Styrofoam in clear plastic bag separately; place beside bin. Do not recycle foam cups, foam food containers, foam plates, foam egg cartons.

## What else can I do to help?

Use re-usable shopping bags.

Take your own take-out containers to restaurants so that you can take home leftovers.

Take your own metal straws to restaurants and take them home to use them over and over. Refuse plastic straws that are offered.

Use a re-usable water bottle and a re-usable coffee cup. Take them with you.

Return your plastic bags to Kroger or Target or other stores that accept them.

Get a separate bin for glass recycling days. <https://conwayarkansas.gov/sanitation/service-request/>

Clean glass bottles and jars of all colors are acceptable.

Light bulbs of any kind, appliance glass, windowpanes, mirrors, and tempered glass are not accepted in glass bins or recycle bins.

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## Other Recyclables in Conway

Residents may bring the following items to the city landfill (call 501-450-6155) for legal disposal and reuse (nominal fee may apply):

Electronic Waste (*such as televisions, tablets, cellular phones, gaming stations*)

Household Hazardous Materials (*such as motor oil jugs, chemical buckets, batteries, and paint cans*)

Passenger Vehicle Tires (*non-commercial tires only*)

## Collection Guidelines

Curbside carts must be placed at the curb no later than 7 a.m. on your regular collection day.

Curbside carts must be placed on a flat surface no less than 3-feet from all obstacles (other carts, utility poles, mailboxes, vehicles, holiday décor, etc.) and within 2-feet of the curb.

Place the cart where it opens toward the curb/street and the handle is toward the home.

Glass is never allowed in your curbside cart.

Large cardboard boxes must be flattened and placed 3-feet from the cart, no more than 2-feet from the curb, and secured to avoid blowing.

The cart lid must close completely

## Curbside Yard Waste Guidelines in Conway

Yard waste collection includes only general yard debris (grass clippings, twigs, leaves, branches up to 6 inches in diameter).

Yard waste must be placed at the curb no later than 7 a.m. on your regular collection day.

Yard waste must be placed within 2-feet of the curb.

No more than 10 biodegradable brown paper bags or resident-owned containers will be collected per collection day (32-gallon maximum).

Filled bags and containers must not exceed 50-pounds.

Stacked brush piles must not exceed 10-feet (L) x 10-feet (W) x 3-feet (H).

Provided yard waste services are not applicable for tree removal by services and contractors.

Animal waste of any kind will not be accepted and will prevent collection.

Yard waste placed in plastic bags of any kind (including plastic bags labeled for trash, leaves, compost, and yard) will not be accepted and will prevent collection.

\*\*\*Brush and limbs generated as a result of contracted work will not be collected curbside. Conway ordinance (O-77-12) requires that all professional tree trimming/cutting service providers haul away any yard waste they generate.

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## Why Is Recycling Important? (from EPA – Environmental Protection Agency)

Approximately half of global greenhouse gas emissions are the result of natural resource extraction and processing. When we increase recycling, we reduce climate impacts, environmental impacts, and social impacts of materials use. Recycling keeps valuable resources in use instead of in landfills.

When we don't recycle, we increase the burden on our landfills and increase greenhouse gas emissions.