

# COMMONLY ASKED RECYCLING QUESTIONS.

1) Why don't we accept plastic bags for recycling?

*Plastic bags aren't recycled because there are no markets for this material in our region.*

2) What types of plastic do we collect for recycling?

*We accept only plastic bottles in this recycling program. Plastic bottles consistently have a recycling market while other types of plastic do not. It's not necessary to check the bottom of the plastic bottle for a recycling code. However, we do not accept plastic motor oil bottles due to their contents. Any plastic items other than plastic bottles will be considered contamination and may prohibit your recycling container from being emptied.*

3) What should I do if my recycling container is missed on my regular collection day?

*Contact the Waste Management Division immediately at 430-2450 or by email at [wastemgt@vbgov.com](mailto:wastemgt@vbgov.com). Calls and emails received after 12:00 noon the following business day may not receive service until their next recycling day.*

4) How often will my recycling container be collected?

*Recycling service is provided every other week on your normal waste collection day.*

## LET'S CONTINUE TO MAKE THIS RECYCLING PROGRAM WORK. TOGETHER.

You're also a partner with the City of Virginia Beach and Tidewater Fibre Corp. Working together, we can make this recycling program successful.

If you'd like additional information: Visit our web site. [www.vbgov.com](http://www.vbgov.com). Keyword: recycling.

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# VIRGINIA BEACH CURBSIDE RECYCLING PROGRAM:

## JUST PUSH IT TO THE CURB. WE'LL TAKE IT FROM THERE.



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the City of Virginia Beach and  
Tidewater Fibre Corp and  
Our Residents

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# ITEMS SHOWN HERE ARE THE MATERIALS WE **DO** ACCEPT FOR RECYCLING.

**Plastic bottles** — only those with a neck or pouring spout (No plastic bags or motor oil containers)



**Metals** — aluminum and steel/tin food and beverage cans



**Paper grocery bags**



**Chipboard** — cereal and cracker boxes, paper six-pack holders, etc.



**Unwanted mail** — including catalogs and magazines (Remove and discard plastic bags.)



**Clear, green and brown glass bottles and jars** (Remove lids and discard.)



**Paper** — clean newspaper, including inserts (Remove and discard plastic bags.)



**Cardboard boxes** — clean and dry (Flatten or cut up and place in your container) Town home residents should flatten cardboard boxes and place them under the recycling bin.



**Telephone books**

- Your recycling container will be collected every other week on the same day as your normal waste collection service.
- Place your recycling container at the curb with at least three feet of clearance. Please pour or wipe out contents of cans and bottles before recycling.
- Place materials loosely in your recycling container.
- Town home residents may request one additional recycling bin.

# ITEMS WE **DO NOT** ACCEPT FOR RECYCLING

**Bags of garbage**



**Overstuffed Cart**



**Plastic bags**



**Styrofoam peanuts and blocks**



**Food Containers** — such as pizza boxes and "to go" containers



**Yard Waste** — leaves, grass clippings, branches, wood, etc.

