

Recycling Information: Columbia

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Curbside Recycling

Items Collected Curbside for Recycling

- Phone Books
- Aluminum cans
- Steel cans + lids (Please place lids inside of can)
- Plastic bottles, jugs and jars
- Glass bottles, jugs and jars; clear, brown and green only
- Empty Aerosol Cans
- Magazines
- Cardboard Boxes - Flattened
- Paperboard Boxes - Flattened
- Newspaper and Newspaper Inserts
- Junk Mail & Office Paper
- Yogurt and butter dishes
- Envelopes with plastic windows
- Aluminum pie pans
- Orange juice and milk cartons
- Glass (bottle, jugs, jars)
- Plastic trays
- Paper cup holders
- Plastic baskets
- Frozen dinner trays
- Paper bags
- Pizza boxes

Make sure that all items are rinsed and free of food.

Click [here](#) to "SEE" what goes inside your City of Columbia curbside bin!

The following items are NOT recyclable in the curbside recycling bins

- Plastic Bags
- Styrofoam
- Blue Glass
- Plastic in any other shape or form

Residents have embraced the curbside program and there is currently an eighty-five percent participation rate throughout the city.

Drop-off Recycling

The city also has two drop off location for recyclables:

- 2600 Bull Street, located behind DHEC, accepts the same items as the City of Columbia's curbside program
- Corner of Washington and Wayne Streets (@Congaree Vista), accepts flattened cardboard, glass, plastic, aluminum, newspaper and office paper

Click [here](#) for a complete list of drop-off recycling locations in the Midlands.

E-Waste Recycling

Safe recycling of unwanted computers, televisions, and other electronics is another step toward improving the quality of life for city residents. On May 21, 2007, the City of Columbia became the first city in the Midlands to start a residential drop-off E-waste recycling program.

Residential e-waste can be dropped off at the CITY OF COLUMBIA PUBLIC WORKS HEADQUARTERS, [2910 Colonial Drive](#) (off Slighs Avenue behind the City's First Tee Golf Center. Only e-waste will be accepted from city residents at this location between the hours of *9:30 am and 3:30 pm, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday*. No exceptions will be made. Proof of residency is required. Items dropped off will become the property of the City of Columbia and cannot be reclaimed.

E-waste includes end-of-life computers, monitors, televisions, VCRs, DVD players, audio and stereo equipment, cellular phones, digital cameras, and other electronic devices. Electronics contain substantial amounts of toxic materials that leach out of the machines and into the soil and water when they are buried in a landfill. Click [here](#) for more information on the City of Columbia's e-waste recycling program.

Office Paper Recycling Program

A commercial recycling program, which collects recyclables in bulk from businesses in the city limits, has also been implemented. This program also includes an office paper collection program. Below is a list of acceptable office paper.

Acceptable

- Uncoated white/colored paper, any color ink
- NCR/Carbonless forms, any color
- Notebook paper, any color
- Computer paper (green & blue bar, white)
- Receipts/tickets, any color
- Stationery/letterhead, any color
- Copy paper/copies, any color
- All FAX paper
- Self-adhesive notes (Post-It), any color
- Card stock (any color)
- Envelopes without windows, any color except manila/gold
- Laser Copies, any color
- Cash register/adding machine tape
- Message notes, any color
- Typing paper
- Staples

Not acceptable

- Kraft envelopes (manila/gold in color)
- Carbon paper (the black ink kind)
- Foil paper
- Slick/glossy/coated paper
- Catalogs (no thicker than 1")
- Photographs
- X-rays
- Photographic or blueprint papers

- Books/pamphlets/brochures
- Cardboard (unwaxed and brown inside)
- Rubber bands, paper clips
- Pressure sensitive labels
- Report covers and folders
- Brown paper bags
- Plastic - any item

Click [here](#) for much more information about recycling and solid waste in Columbia.