



# CURBSIDE RECYCLING

Recycling is now single stream, curbside.

Glass, metal items, plastic marked 1, 2, and 5, mixed paper and cardboard can be combined together.

Curbside recycling saves taxpayers money.

Put in a water-tight, covered bin clearly marked RECYCLING.

Keep materials clean and dry. Wet paper & cardboard will not be accepted.



**RECYCLING**  
GLASS  
METAL  
#1, 2, 5 PLASTIC  
CARDBOARD  
MIXED PAPER

**DO NOT RECYCLE:** aerosol cans, batteries, lightbulbs, electronic waste, plastic bags /film, plastic cutlery, soiled pizza boxes, Styrofoam, shelf-stable cartons/cups, wire/plastic hangers

## RECYCLING GUIDELINES

**Recycle Smart**  
Curbside recycling will now be picked up on your trash collection day.

Place items at the curb by **6AM**  
Recycling is collected **7AM-5PM** on your collection day\* except holidays.

**Missed pickups** are completed the following day. Leave items at the curb.

Report missed pickups and other issues using **Report a Concern** on the city website or by calling **908.273.6404**

**Important**  
Do not place recycling in plastic bags.

**Material can also be recycled** at the Municipal Transfer Station on 40 New Providence Ave.

\*If your collection day falls on a holiday, your collection will be the following day.

**QUESTIONS?** Go to [cityofsummit.org/recycle](http://cityofsummit.org/recycle) or access the Recycle Coach app



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# Frequently Asked Questions

## Can I mix recyclables together?

Yes, you can mix paper and cardboard items with plastic and glass items. Recycling is now single stream and items will be mixed upon collection. Items can be placed in multiple water-tight, covered bins at the curb.

## Why do I have to clean my recyclables? Isn't it a waste of water?

Comingled recycling (plastics #1, #2 and #5, glass, and metal) needs to be rinsed. Un-rinsed material contaminates the recycling process.

## What should I do if my recycling is not collected and/or my bin(s) are carelessly returned or have been damaged?

Use the *Report a Concern* tool on [cityofsummit.org](http://cityofsummit.org) or call the Dept. of Community Services at 908-273-6404. For the non-collection of materials, a notice/sticker should be provided by the vendor with a reason. Missed collections reported by phone or the *Report a Concern* tool are collected the next day.

## Can recycling bins be lined with clear plastic recycling bags?

Lining the can with a plastic bag is acceptable to keep bins clean. The recycling contractor will inform employees not to remove plastic linings in cans. Residents are also encouraged to leave a note on the lid of the can with instructions: Do not remove plastic bag.



## How should I dispose of shredded/confidential paper?

Shredded paper can be brought to Union County shredding events. Check the Union County Recycling website at [ucnj.org/recycling](http://ucnj.org/recycling) for dates and locations, or dispose of shredded paper in household trash.

## Can I recycle plastic bags or plastic from packaging?

Some grocery stores recycle plastic grocery bags. Check with local markets to find a location that recycles plastic bags. Summit has temporarily suspended its pilot program for plastic bag, wrap and packaging recycling at the Transfer Station. Guidelines advise materials to be thrown in household trash until program is reinstated.

## Do I have to put cardboard and paper in a bin now? I had always put boxes and paper in a bag at the curb.

Wet paper and cardboard cannot be recycled. In inclement weather, broken down cardboard can be placed in a water-tight, covered container(s) mixed with paper, glass, and plastic. Otherwise, bundling cardboard and paper next to recycling containers is acceptable.

## Can cardboard milk containers be recycled? Should I include the plastic cap?

Milk cartons with plastic caps can be recycled in paper recycling. Shelf stable cartons cannot be included.

## Do these guidelines apply to the Municipal Transfer Station as well?

Yes, with two exceptions. Styrofoam and batteries are accepted at the Transfer Station.

## Can you ask people to stop putting out recycling overnight when it is windy? Trash blows all over the town. What should I do when it rains?

We advise residents to avoid putting out recycling overnight when it is windy or raining. If it is raining on the day of collection, consider holding paper and cardboard recycling for the next week if you do not have room in your water-tight container(s), or recycle at the Municipal Transfer Station.

## Why do you want me to put recycling at the curb rather than use the Transfer Station?

Summit pays its recycling contractor for every household to be able to recycle curbside. There are additional fees to dispose of recycling collected at the Transfer Station. Since we pay for residents to recycle curbside, we hope they will do so and avoid the extra charges we incur when recycling is brought to the Transfer Station.

