

# RECYCLE

Recycling isn't a new concept, but there are many new improvements that we have made in Martin County to make recycling easier than ever before. If you're not already recycling, there's no better time to start!



### Did you know that ...

Martin County uses a process called Single Stream recycling? This means the days of sorting recycled materials are over. You can combine all of your recyclables into your recycling bin(s).





**Need a Bin or More Info?** Call Martin County Utility and Solid Waste Department 772-419-6967 or Waste Management Offices 772-546-7700 or visit www.wmmc.wm.com/martin.



# What You CAN Recycle

- **Cans** and metal containers
- Aluminum (i.e. cans, foil, frozen meal trays)
- Glass bottles and jars
- Plastics and bottles coded 1-7 (numbers on bottom of item), two gallons or smaller
- Magazines, catalogs, newspapers (including inserts)
- Paperboard products (such as beverage containers, milk cartons, drink boxes, cereal boxes, tissue boxes)
- Cardboard containers must be flattened prior to collection
- Brown paper grocery or shopping bags
- Phone books

## NOT Recyclable

Please help us maintain a safe and efficient recycling process for workers by not placing these items in your recycling bins:

- Plastic Bags
- Food-Contaminated Containers (grease and/or food particles contaminate recyclables)
- Napkins and paper towels
- 🛚 Styrofoam
- Household Hazardous Waste (paint, aerosol cans, batteries, cleaners)
- Fluorescent Light Bulbs



Thanks for recycling! Are you already recycling everything you can? Check out the list on the reverse side to see if you can throw even more into your recycling bins. With a little effort you can make an even bigger difference!

#### Did you know?

The average person generates over 3 pounds of recyclable waste per day. But only about 1 pound of it actually gets recycled. The rest ends up in landfills. Please do your part to help conserve our precious natural resources by reducing the amount of waste that goes into your trash.

#### **Little Known Recyclables**

- \_\_ Toilet paper rolls & paper towels rolls
- Junk mail
- Yogurt containers
- Aluminum foil
- \_\_ Juice boxes/pouches
- Wrapping paper

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#### **Tips to Recycle More**

When Martin County moved to single stream recycling in 2008, residents no longer had to sort paper from plastic, and recycling volumes increased. But here are a few tips to help you recycle even more!

- Make fewer trips to the garage by adding a recycling container inside your home.
- Recycling starts at the point of purchase. When shopping, choose products in recyclable containers.
- Are your recycling bins overflowing? If so, call Martin County Solid Waste for an extra bin.
- Make recycling fun for the whole family. Even young children can identify things that should be recycled rather than thrown away.
- When guests are in your home, make them aware of your recycling habits and make it easy for them to join in.

#### Safe Recycling

Many items should not be thrown in the trash, but cannot be recycled either. For a full list of these items and for information on where to dispose of household hazardous waste properly, visit www.martin.fl.us/hhwaste or call 772-419-6967.



