

Manténgalo simple y recicle lo básico.

- Papel
- Cartulina
- Aluminio o latas de metal
- Botellas de plástico o jarras de plástico

No ponga contaminantes en el carrito azul de reciclaje.

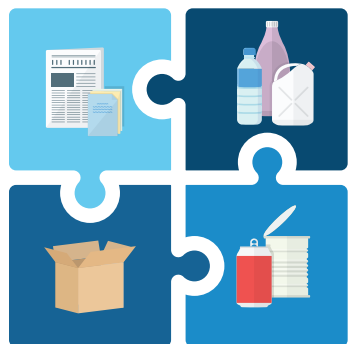
Contaminantes son materiales que son puestos dentro de los contenedores de reciclaje que están muy sucios y no son aceptables en el programa de reciclaje. Si usted no esta seguro si el articulo debería ponerse en el carrito azul de reciclaje, es mejor ponerlo dentro del carrito negro de basura y evitar contaminación. En caso de cualquier duda, tírelo a la basura.

Artículos en común que deben de mantenerse fuera del carrito azul de reciclaje:

- Bolsas de plástico
- Bolsas de snack o de golosinas
- Plástico de sobres acolchados (Sobres de Amazon)
- Plástico para uso una sola vez
- Poliestireno
- Compostables (Servilletas, papel toalla)
- Cacerolas y sartenes

El reciclaje limpio beneficia a nuestro condado.

Durante la estación primaveral, el procesador de reciclaje del condado clasificara los reciclables en Arlington para establecer los componentes de productos básicos de un tonelaje de material reciclado. Dicha clasificación dará un porcentaje total de cada tipo de material que es típicamente presentado en tasa promedio de toneladas de reciclables. Dichos porcentajes son multiplicados por el costo de mercado por mes para determinar el valor acreditado para el condado por cada tonelada de materiales enviados al establecimiento de reciclaje. Esencialmente, mientras el reciclaje sea más limpio, más crecerá el valor monetario acreditado para el condado, permitiéndonos proveer servicios valiosos a nuestros residentes a un precio competitivo.



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Food Scraps Collection Update

In November of 2020, the County collected feedback to determine the level of community support for the addition of food scraps collection to our current list of residential services. The question we asked was: "Understanding the cost of adding food scraps collection to the current compostables collection program and the potential recycling benefits, would you support the addition of food scraps and food-soiled paper collection in the green organics cart and food-soiled paper collection in the green organics cart?". The stated cost of the program was less than \$12.00 per year. **79.16% of the 3,973 respondents supported adding food scraps collection to the organics cart.**

For more information on food scraps visit:
recycling.arlingtonva.us/food-scraps-collection

Arlington County is considering food scraps collection which would occur on your regular weekly trash pickup day. Here's how:

COLLECT

Collect food scraps in a counter-top pail using compostable bags



PLACE CURBSIDE

Place bags of food scraps in green organics cart and place cart at curb on your pickup day

WEEKLY PICKUP

Crews will pick up the food scraps weekly



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Keep it simple and only recycle the basics.

Recycling rules have changed significantly over the past few years. More stringent quality standards have been imposed by foreign markets, glass has been removed from the blue cart in Arlington, and lower-grade mixed plastics are not as marketable anymore. With so many changes the rules of recycling seem to be increasingly more complicated, but actually they are very simple.

Focus on recycling these four materials in your blue cart:



Don't put contaminants in the blue cart.

Contaminants are materials that are placed into recycling bins that are either too dirty to recycle or are just not accepted in the program. If you don't know if an item is accepted in the blue recycling cart it is best practice to avoid contamination and place it in the black trash cart. **When in doubt, throw it out.**

Common contaminants:



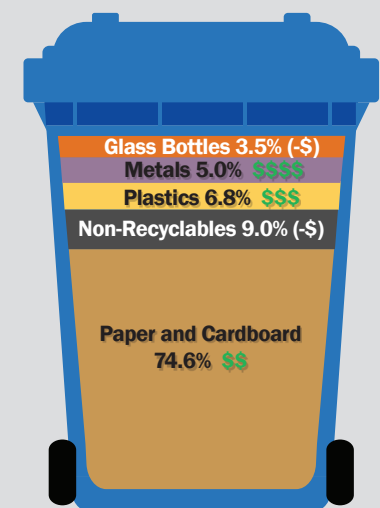
Proper recycling benefits our County.

Making our best efforts to focus on the basics of recycling and reduce contamination has several benefits. First, clean materials are easier to process at the recycling facility and, thus, more likely to be recycled. Highly contaminated loads of recyclables are often discarded as trash since they cannot be effectively processed. Ensuring a clean stream of recyclables means that a higher percentage of Arlington's materials will be recycled into new products.

Second, a clean stream of recyclables will generate higher prices for Arlington's recyclable commodities. In turn, this will save Arlington money by maximizing the value of the materials that we send to the recycling facility.

This spring, the County's recycling processor will sort a sample of Arlington's recyclables to establish the commodity components of a recycled ton of material. The sort will set the percentage of each type of material that is typically present in an average ton of recyclables delivered by the County to the facility. These percentages are then multiplied by market commodity prices each month to determine the value credited to the County for each ton of materials sent to the recycling processing facility. Trash, contaminants, glass and other non-recyclable materials are given zero value. Thus, reducing the amount of contamination increases the overall value of a ton of Arlington's recyclable commodities. The bottom line, a cleaner recycling stream increases the monetary value credited to the County enabling us to continue providing valuable services to residents at a competitive household solid waste rate.

What's in Arlington's Blue Cart?



Data gathered through a quarterly (Q4 2020) waste stream sort illustrates the breakdown of materials collected in the blue recycling carts. Currently trash and glass make up about 12.5% of the recycling stream and have no value.