



City of Dover Recycling Guidelines



To find your specific recycling collection dates use the QR code to the right or go to our website at cityofdover.com/sanitation.



QUESTIONS?
PLEASE CALL 302-736-7025

In accordance with Delaware's Universal Recycling Law, the City of Dover provides recycling collection service as part of our trash collection service. Recycling helps to conserve natural resources, saves landfill space and supports job creation. Not everything with a recycling symbol is accepted in Delaware's single stream recycling program, however. There has been an increase in the amount of unacceptable items being placed in recycling containers which has a negative impact and can result in fines to the City for contaminated loads. In order to avoid this negative impact, it is important that we work together to only place acceptable materials in our recycling containers.

ACCEPTABLE (EXAMPLES)

Paper - magazines, junk mail, office paper, newspaper, paperback books, notebook paper

Paperboard - cereal boxes, paper towel rolls

Corrugated Cardboard - shipping boxes

Cartons (with caps on) - milk cartons, juice cartons

Plastic Containers (with caps on) - water, juice, and soda bottles, shampoo and mouthwash bottles, detergent bottle, yogurt container, butter container, milk jug, strawberry clamshell container

Cans - aluminum beverage cans, "soup" cans

Glass Bottles and Jars (remove tops and recycle both items) - beer, wine, soda (any color)

Place acceptable items loose, empty, clean and dry into recycling container.

NOT ACCEPTABLE (EXAMPLES)

Paper - shredded paper, paper towels, napkins, tissues, paper plates, paper cups, hardcover books

Paperboard - frozen food and refrigerated packaging

Corrugated Cardboard - greasy pizza boxes

Plastic Containers - motor oil and chemical containers, plastic toys, plastic hangers, small pill bottles

Styrofoam - egg cartons, packaging material, plates

Metal - pots, pans, bottle caps, aerosol cans, electronics, extension cords, string lights

Glass - mirrors, window glass, drinkware, light bulbs

Food Waste - rinse all items of food / liquid residue

Yard Waste - leaves, grass clippings, branches

Plastic Bags and Film - paper towel covering



Too close together, too close to vehicle, and too close to mailbox.

CAN PLACEMENT

Place cans out for pickup on collection day by 7:00 a.m. or the prior evening after 7:00 p.m. Please place container at least 3-feet away from cars, fences, mailboxes, other containers, etc.



Correct spacing and facing correct direction.

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♻️ RECYCLING IN DELAWARE ♻️

☑️ ACCEPTED IN CART

Place only these materials loose, empty, clean and dry in your recycling cart or dumpster:



PAPER

Magazines, junk mail, paper bags, office paper, newspaper, etc.



PLASTIC CONTAINERS

Leave lids on.



CANS, BOTTLES, JARS

Remove lids and recycle separately.

KEEP YOUR RECYCLING OUT OF BAGS. PLACE ITEMS LOOSE IN THE BIN.



CARTONS, PAPERBOARD, CORRUGATED CARDBOARD

☒ NOT ACCEPTED IN CART

Keep these items out of your recycling cart or dumpster:



SHREDDED PAPER



FROZEN FOOD/ REFRIGERATED CONTAINERS



FOOD WASTE



COFFEE CUPS

Visit the website to learn about recycling these items:



BATTERIES



STYROFOAM



GARBAGE



MIRRORS AND WINDOW GLASS



TANGLERS

Garden hoses, string lights, nylon rope, etc.



SCRAP METAL



PLASTIC BAGS

Return to retail store.



ELECTRONICS



YARD WASTE



DELAWARE RECYCLES
It's second nature.

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