

# Curbside Recycling Program Guidelines

- Place the cart at the curb by 7 AM on your collection day
  - » Make sure that the cart lid opens toward the street.
  - » The cart should be at least 3 feet away from any object including other carts, cars, mail boxes, etc.
- Please...**NO PLASTIC BAGS!!**
  - » Plastic bags interfere with the sorting process when placed in curbside recycling containers.
  - » Please recycle plastic bags at participating local stores.
- Please place all materials inside the cart.
  - » Cardboard should be flattened, broken down, and placed just under the cart lid.
  - » Large quantities of cardboard can be taken to a community drop off location for recycling.
- Recyclable materials can be mixed in the cart
  - » No need to separate your items, they will be sorted at a processing facility.
- Please rinse food residue from recyclable items before placing in the cart
  - » Food residue will contaminate recyclables, causing them to become trash items instead and increase program costs.
- Recycling carts containing household waste and trash will not be serviced.
  - » Continuous use of the recycling cart for trash items will result in the removal of the cart.
  - » Remember to check the list of acceptable materials and keep unacceptable items out of your recycling bin. If in doubt, throw it out!



## What is VPPSA?

The Virginia Peninsulas Public Service Authority (VPPSA) is a regional governmental agency, dedicated to helping communities solve their solid waste management needs. There are ten member communities including Hampton, James City County, Poquoson, Williamsburg and York County on the Peninsula, and the counties of Essex, King William, King and Queen, Mathews and Middlesex on the Middle Peninsula.

VPPSA also provides regularly scheduled Household Chemical Collections and Computer Recycling events for residents of Williamsburg/James City County, Poquoson, Hampton and York County.

The VPPSA Compost Facility at 145 Goodwin Neck Road in Yorktown produces quality mulch and compost products which are available for purchase. All products are made from locally generated brush and yard waste. VPPSA is a member of the U.S. Composting Council's Seal of Testing Assurance (STA) Program and has its compost regularly tested through an approved STA laboratory. The Compost Facility is open Monday - Saturday from 8am until 4pm.

For more information on all VPPSA programs, go to our website at [www.vppsa.org](http://www.vppsa.org)



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# Residential Curbside Recycling Program



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# RECYCLE RIGHT!



Please only place these acceptable materials in your recycling cart.

## Plastic Bottles and Jugs

Water and drink bottles; shampoo, soap, and detergent bottles



Please empty liquids and rinse out food residue. Remove and throw away lids.

## Glass Bottles and Jars

All types and colors of glass bottles and jars.



Please empty liquids and rinse out food residue.

Remove lids - Metal lids can be recycled; Plastic lids should be thrown away.

## Cardboard and Mixed Paper

Flattened boxes, magazines, junk mail, catalogs, phone books, office paper, cards, stationary, paper grocery bags, school paper, computer paper, single layer cardboard such as cereal and tissue boxes, newspapers and advertising inserts.



## Metal Cans

Steel and aluminum food and beverage cans.



Please empty liquids and rinse out food residue.

Metal lids can be recycled.

## QUESTIONS?

Visit our website at [www.vppsa.org](http://www.vppsa.org), or contact your community recycling office: [www.poquoson-va.gov](http://www.poquoson-va.gov) [www.williamsburgva.gov](http://www.williamsburgva.gov)

Check [RecyclingSimplified.com](http://RecyclingSimplified.com) for more recycling tips!



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This program is brought to you by VPPSA, Poquoson, and Williamsburg. Curbside Recycling collection services are provided by Republic Services.

## These items are NOT ACCEPTED in curbside recycling:

- ✗ Plastic Bags - Grocery, Dry Cleaning, or Garbage, Sandwich Bags, Plastic Wrap
- ✗ Greasy Paper (pizza boxes)
- ✗ Wax - covered fiber (milk cartons & juice boxes, candy wrappers, some packing paper)
- ✗ Napkins, Paper Towels, Tissues
- ✗ Tanglers - Garden Hoses, Chains, Twine, String, or Wire
- ✗ Ceramic Dishes or Ovenware
- ✗ Plate Glass (window panes, mirrors)
- ✗ Light Bulbs: all types are unacceptable
- ✗ Needles or Other Medical Waste
- ✗ Clothes Hangers, Lawn Chair Frames, Pots & Pans, or Other Scrap Metal
- ✗ Paint Cans and Aerosol Cans
- ✗ Any plastic Pesticide, Poison, or Automotive Product Containers
- ✗ Foam Plastic Products - "Styrofoam®" Cups, Plates or Packing Materials
- ✗ Diapers, Other Personal Care Products
- ✗ Yard Waste and Yard Debris

**WHEN IN DOUBT, THROW IT OUT!**  
Unacceptable items are considered contaminants and can actually increase the cost of the program!