

WHAT GOES IN?



A guide to using your City of Austin curbside collection services

Austin Resource Recovery provides services designed to transform waste into resources and keep our community clean.

Trash and composting are collected every week. Recycling is collected every other week. All curbside collections happen on the same day of the week.

Curbside Collection Tips

- Place carts at the curb by **6:30 a.m. on your collection day.**
- Set your carts **5 feet** apart.
- Only BPI-certified compostable bags are accepted in your green composting cart.
- Do not place recycling in plastic bags.

For a complete list of accepted materials, visit: austinrecycles.com | 3-1-1

BLUE Recycling Cart

Paper

- Glossy paper
- Junk mail
- Envelopes
- Home office paper
- Coupons
- Paper bags
- Magazines
- Greeting cards
- Newspaper
- Posters
- Wrapping paper (without foil or glitter)

Plastic Containers

- Water bottles
- Soda bottles
- Plastic milk jugs
- Detergent and all-purpose cleaner bottles
- Jars and tubs

Hard Plastics

- Non-battery children's toys
- Laundry baskets

Cardboard

- Corrugated cardboard and boxboard boxes
- Cereal boxes
- Shoe boxes
- Gift boxes
- Soda and other beverage boxes
- Paper towel and toilet paper cardboard rolls

Metals

- Aluminum foil (balled 2 inches or larger)
- Aluminum foil baking pans, plates and trays
- Food cans and caps/lids
- Soda cans
- Steel and tin cans

Glass

- Glass jars
- Glass bottles

BI-WEEKLY COLLECTION No plastic bags allowed!



GREEN Composting Cart

Food Scraps

- Cooked or raw meat, poultry and seafood (including bones)
- Cheese
- Dairy products
- Fruits
- Vegetables
- Grains
- Pasta
- Eggshells
- Bread
- Coffee grounds
- Tea bags
- Tea leaves
- Baked goods
- Nuts
- Candy
- Snack foods
- Leftovers
- Spoiled food

Yard Trimmings

- Grass clippings
- Flowers
- Leaves
- Plants
- Small branches and tree limbs *
- Tree roots
- Straw

Natural Fibers

- Popsicle sticks
- Sawdust (in paper bags)
- Pet fur/hair
- Shredded paper (in paper bags)
- Toothpicks
- Wooden chopsticks
- Untreated wood

Food-Soiled Paper

- Paper bags
- Paper napkins
- Paper towels
- Paper plates
- Paper cups
- Paper containers and take-out boxes (without wax or plastic lining, and with any metal or plastic removed)
- Pizza boxes
- Coffee filters
- Microwavable popcorn bags
- Newspaper
- Tissues

WEEKLY COLLECTION No glass allowed! No plastic bags allowed! Only BPI-certified compostable bags!

** Small branches and tree limbs (no longer than 5 feet or thicker than 3 inches in diameter) that do not fit in your cart with the lid closed may be bundled and set out on your collection day.*



For more information about Curbside Composting visit austintexas.gov/austincomposts

BROWN Trash Cart

- Baby food pouches
- Diapers
- Fats, oils and grease
- Broken glass*
- Wrappers

- Garden hoses
- Pet food bags
- Pet waste
- Wine corks
- Rope

- Cigarette butts and ashes (no hot ashes)
- Kitty litter



WEEKLY COLLECTION Before trashing an item, check to see if there's an alternative option using the 'What Do I Do With...' tool at austinrecycles.com

** Please wrap broken glass in several layers of newspaper or seal it in a box and label the package "GLASS" before putting it in your trash cart.*

Bring Items to Austin Resource Recovery's Recycle & Reuse Drop-Off Center

At the Recycle & Reuse Drop-Off Center, you can drop off many items to be recycled, reused or safely discarded. Here are some examples of items that can be dropped off:

- Plastic bags and film
- Styrofoam
- Cleaning supplies
- Household hazardous waste
- Paint
- Batteries
- Electronics
- Tires

Many materials that are dropped off at the center are in usable condition. These items go to the ReUse Store (at the same location), where other people can pick them up, free of charge. Availability varies, but items include:

- Art supplies
- Cleaning products
- Household chemicals
- Automotive fluids
- Mulch
- Austin ReBlend Paint

CLOTHING & HOUSEWARES

DONATE ANYTIME

First, consider donating reusable items to local organizations. Find organizations near you at austinreusedirectory.com



BI-WEEKLY COLLECTION

Collect items you do not wish to donate in the Simple Recycling bags provided and set next to your blue recycling cart.

** ARR's curbside collection service is operated by Simple Recycling, a for-profit company that sells the materials in markets outside of Austin.*

To request Simple Recycling bags or learn more, visit austintexas.gov/clothing

DROP OFF

2514 Business Center Drive
Austin, TX 78744
Monday-Friday: 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Saturday: 7 a.m. – noon
austintexas.gov/dropoff

