Recycling in Tampa Bay

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82%

Tied With Top Recycling Rate in the State of Florida in 2016
## 2016 Adjusted Rates vs. Traditional Rates

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Programs for Recycling Success
Tampa Bay Region

Event Recycling
City Buildings & Parks
Recycling Visibility
Tampa Bay Regional Recycling Campaign

Keep Recycling Bag Free
Tampa Bay

Trash the tanglers or return to the store.

ABC Action News

Keep plastic bags out of recycling
TampaBayRecycles.org

Think twice before recycling plastic bags
Bags can cause big problems at recycling centers

ALL NEW AT 5:30
Hillsborough County
@HillsboroughFL

#TampaBayRecycles Tip: Keep plastic bags from contaminating curbside recycling by returning to #TampaBay retailers 👍
Recycling plastic grocery bags causing big problems at recycling centers

BY: Isabel Rosales
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#TampaBayRecycles

Trulan Cooper  Try pre-sorting. Enduring the same problem daily, kind of makes it your problem. Try presorting. Labor is cheaper than a down machine and lost recyclables, if only because of the expense to get it to the facility.

15 · August 27 at 8:08am

Jim Reid  Recycle recycle recycle that's what you keep shoving down our throats! Then when we send you stuff that should be recycled like plastic, all plastic should be recycled then you complain. Is that just because you don't make enough money off of those plastic items?

August 27 at 1:11pm

Marion Ingrid  It would be nice to know exactly what goes in the recycling bin. I'm very confused, it used to be okay to put bags in there.

1 · August 27 at 3:01pm

Susan Gillespie  Being informed about the proper way to assist the city in recycling serves all of us. There are a couple of things I have been unsure about. I have empty cat food bags, some paper with a plastic lining or made of an odd plastic. Are they recyclable or trash?

2 · August 27 at 9:24am

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Maintaining Our Identities

Recycle Right
Do your part to help the State of Florida reach its goal of recycling 75% of its waste by 2020. In 2015, the State of Florida’s recycling rate was 54%.

YES
- Aluminum, Tin & Steel Cans
- Cardboard (Flattened)
- Cartons (No dairy)
- Glass Bottles & Jars (No other types of glass)
- Newspaper, Mixed Paper & Paperboard (Corded Issues)
- Plastic Bottles (Plastic containers #1-7)

NO
- No plastic bags, wrap, packaging or film
- No paper towels, plates, cups, tissue or wax paper
- No Styrofoam, foam containers or packaging

Oops... Your Recycling Cart was Contaminated
There were unrecyclable items in your blue recycling cart. Please help us reduce contamination by placing only accepted recyclables in your blue cart.

These items should NOT go in your blue cart:
- Plastic Bags
- Electronics
- Clothing/Shoes
- Cords/Wires
- Rope/Twine
- Garden Hoses
- Construction & Demolition Debris
- Clothes Hangers
- Household Hazardous Waste
- Gelled Paper Items
- Food Waste
- Diapers

Please DO NOT BAG YOUR RECYCLING
Recycling should be free and loose in the cart

NO!
The items below CANNOT be recycled in your outside recycling cart.

YES!
We accept the items below, but please recycle them inside your recycling cart:

- Yard Waste
- Food Waste & soiled containers
- Plastic Bags
- Electronics
- Light Bulbs
- Shoes
- Liquids
- Styrofoam
- Clean Flattened Cardboard

Remember to RECYCLE RIGHT
Still Have a Question?
Call us at (813) 274-6811 or visit us online at tampagov.com/SolidWaste

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and Environmental Program Management
Holiday Messaging

Tangled up in the holidays? Don’t let your recycling get tangled up too!

THROW THESE HOLIDAY TANGLERS IN THE TRASH (OR RECYCLE ELSEWHERE):
- Christmas Lights
- Garland & Tinsel
- Foil Wrapping Paper
- Ribbons & Bows
- Bubble wrap & Plastic Air Pillows
- Plastic Bags & Sandwich Baggies

Toss these items in the trash - We’ll turn them into electricity!
- Christmas Lights
- Garland & Tinsel
- Foil Wrapping Paper
- Ribbons & Bows
- Bubble wrap
- Plastic Air Pillows
- Styrofoam
- Plastic Utensils
- Paper Plates
- Batteries
- Plastic Bags
- Sandwich Baggies
Lessons Learned

- Increase the Timeline
- Include Marketing and Communications Teams
- Address the Fear of the Unknown and Say Yes!
- Find your Common Message
Thanks!

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