

ALUMINUM RECYCLING*

- A used aluminum can is recycled and back on the grocery shelf as a new can in as little as 60 days.
- Used aluminum beverage cans are the most recycled item in the United States.
- Recycling one aluminum can saves enough energy to run a TV for three hours – or the equivalent of one half a gallon of gasoline.
- More aluminum goes into beverage cans than any other product.
- We use over 80,000,000,000 aluminum soda cans every year.
- There is no limit to the amount of times an aluminum can may be recycled.
- An aluminum can that is thrown away will still be a can 500 years from now!

PAPER RECYCLING*

- To produce each week's Sunday newspapers, 500,000 trees must be cut down.
- Recycling a single run of the Sunday New York Times would save 75,000 trees.
- If all our newspaper was recycled, we could save about 250,000,000 trees each year!
- The average American uses seven trees a year in paper, wood, and other products made from trees. This amounts to about 2,000,000,000 trees per year!
- The amount of wood and paper we throw away each year is enough to heat 50,000,000 homes for 20 years.
- The average household throws away 13,000 separate pieces of paper each year.

PLASTIC RECYCLING*

- Americans use 2,500,000 plastic bottles every hour! Most of them are thrown away!
- Plastic bags and other plastic garbage thrown into the ocean kill as many as 1,000,000 sea creatures every year!
- Recycling plastic saves twice as much energy as burning it in an incinerator.
- Americans throw away 25,000,000,000 Styrofoam coffee cups every year.

DID YOU KNOW?*

- An estimated 80,000,000 Hershey's Kisses are wrapped each day, using enough aluminum foil to cover over 50 acres of space — that's almost 40 football fields. All that foil is recyclable, but not many people realize it.
- A single quart of motor oil, if disposed of improperly, can contaminate up to 2,000,000 gallons of fresh water.
- A typical family consumes 192 gallons of soda, 29 gallons of juice, 104 gallons of milk, and 26 gallons of bottle water a year.
- The U.S. is the number one trash-producing country in the world with 1,609 pounds per person per year. That means only 5% of the world's population generates 40% of the world's waste.

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What Goes In The Bin?

Plastic Containers 1 through 7
Newspaper
Telephone Books
Magazines
Junk Mail
Paper Bags
Shredded Paper (secured in plastic bags)
Corrugated Cardboard
Home Office Paper (sticky notes,
manila envelopes, file folders,
paper ream wrappers)
Holiday & Greeting Cards
Boxboard (cereal boxes, shoe boxes,
soda cartons, etc.)
Aluminum Cans and Foil
Steel Food Cans.

*Please rinse all containers. No need to
remove labels or bottle caps.*

CURBSIDE RECYCLING PROGRAM

Jefferson Parish will provide weekly single-stream curbside recycling services to residents in Unincorporated Jefferson Parish and the Town of Jean Lafitte beginning July, 2012.

Unlike the pre-Katrina recycling program, there will be no additional charge to citizens on their water bills for recycling.

The parish will pay Progressive Waste Solutions of Louisiana (PWSLA) \$1.59/month per residence, which is lower than the pre-Katrina cost of \$1.87/month per residence.

The cost of the first year of the program, about \$2.1 million, will be paid from the existing Consolidated Garbage District #1 fund balance, at no additional cost to citizens.

After the first year, the program will be paid from the recently renewed Consolidated Garbage District #1 millage, which also supports operation and maintenance of the Jefferson Parish Landfill and collection and disposal of residential garbage and trash from Jefferson Parish offices and facilities.

The Parish is also exploring using revenues to support the recycling program that would be generated by acceptance of additional out-of-the-parish wastes at the parish landfill.

Single and multi-family residences of four (4) units or less will be provided with an 18-gallon bin to place all recyclable materials. Bins are distributed by PWSLA.

Recyclables should not be placed curbside for collection any earlier than 4:00pm on the day before your regular collection day.

Eastbank recycle collection day is the 1st garbage collection day

Westbank recycle collection day is the 2nd garbage collection day

Progressive Waste Solutions will provide a recycling drop-off container located at its Bridge City facility located at 500 Seven Oaks Boulevard. The container is accessible 24 hours a day, 7 days per week.

Questions may be directed to the Jefferson Parish
Department of Environmental Affairs at: 504-731-4612.



Materials NOT Accepted

Glass
Aerosol Spray Cans
Plastic Bags (check local grocers)
Containers that held
Household Hazardous Waste
(Motor Oil, Paint, Pesticides)
Styrofoam (such as egg cartons,
plastic packing peanuts, etc.)