



# 2005 RECYCLING GUIDELINES

## Recycling Paper and Cardboard

### **What paper products to recycle:**

- paperboard (cereal, shoe and tissue boxes, etc.)
- newspapers, magazines, phone books, junk mail
- all office paper and envelopes
- flattened cardboard (no pizza boxes)

No need to remove staples, paper clips or even the plastic windows on envelopes.

### **How to prepare your paper and cardboard:**

- Place in separate bin from glass, metal and plastics.
- Flatten cardboard!

**Cardboard that does not fit in your recycling bin must be flattened and placed next to or under the bin.**

## Recycling Yard Debris

### **What yard debris to recycle:**

- leaves, grass and plants\*
- shrubs, prunings and twigs
- small branches under 6 inches in diameter

**Do not include:** Poisonous plants, dirt, rocks, stones, concrete, sand, insect nests or hives. Large logs or materials over 50 lbs. in weight.

### **How to prepare your yard debris:**

- Must be bundled, tied or contained.
- Set out in paper bags, **non-county issued** containers or transparent plastic bags.  
**Please**, no black/brown plastic bags for yard waste!

\* **Seasonal recycling of leaves and grass trimmings:** - Leaves and grass trimmings are recycled and must be placed separately from regular trash during the spring/summer and fall seasons (4/1 - 12/24). During the winter season (12/25-3/31), leaves and grass trimmings are not collected separately and can be included with your regular trash.

## Recycling Glass, Metal and Plastics

### **What glass, metal and plastic to recycle:**

- **plastic bottles and jugs** (necks smaller than the rest of the container - milk jugs, soda bottles, detergent bottles etc.) Check for the neck!
- **aluminum and steel food and beverage cans**
- **glass bottles and jars** (clear, green and brown glass)
- **No** window glass!

### **How to prepare your containers:**

- Place in separate bin from paper.
- **Rinse** container and **remove lids and caps**.
- Throw away caps and lids.
- Please wipe out oily or greasy containers.
- Flatten container if possible.

## Christmas Tree Recycling

You do not need to call for a special collection to **recycle your natural/live Christmas tree during the first two weeks of January**. Leave your **live tree** on the curb on your normal collection day.

Please remove the tree stands and all lights, ornaments, tinsel, etc. After the first two weeks in January, you will need to schedule a special collection.

AAA Waste Disposal Guidelines follow that of Fairfax County Government, see <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpwes/recycling/new-mat.htm>