



In Mecklenburg County,
Don't Just

RECYCLE

Recycle Right!

 **YES!**



Paper, Junk Mail & Paperboard Boxes



Aluminum Cans



Glass Bottles & Jars



Flattened Cardboard



Plastic Bottles & Jugs with Necks



Juice & Milk Cartons

 **NO!**



Food



Plastic Bags & Trash



Shredded Paper



Scrap Metal & Auto parts



Plastic Film or Wrappers



Cords

Many of the unaccepted items above can be taken to retailers, or Mecklenburg County Full Service Drop-Off Centers where they are recycled through separate systems.

For more information, visit WipeOutWaste.com or call 980.314.3867 for our automated 24-hour line.



✓ YES!

RECYCLE RIGHT!

✗ NO!




PAPER

Recycled Paper can become: Paperboard, paper towels and other paper products. **Did you know?** Every ton of paper recycled can save the energy equivalent of 166 gallons of gasoline.



ALUMINUM & METAL CANS

Recycled aluminum & metal cans become: Aluminum foil, airplane parts, bicycles, car parts, & household appliances. **Did you know?** Recycling 1 ton of aluminum cans saves 1,234 gallons of gasoline.



PLASTIC BOTTLES & JUGS with NECKS (caps & lids stay on)

Recycled bottles can become: Picnic tables, deck chairs, recycling bins, & fleece clothing. **Did you know?** It takes 1,050 milk jugs to make one 6-foot plastic park bench.



CARDBOARD

Recycled cardboard can become: New boxes, gift wrap, drywall liner. **Did you know?** Recycling 1 ton of cardboard saves 46 gallons of oil. Always remove styrofoam & bubble wrap.



MAIL

Recycled Mail can become: Drywall, egg cartons and insulation. **Did you know?** 1 ton of recycled paper can save 7000 gallons of water.



CLEAN PIZZA BOXES

Clean cardboard boxes can become: Paper towels, tissue & cardboard. **Did you know?** Recycling a box requires 75% less energy than making a new one.



JUICE & MILK CARTONS

Recycled Juice & Milk cartons can become: Tissues, office paper & wall boards. **Did you know?** Over 5 years, the average school of 400 students serving lunch will save the equivalent of almost 1,500 reams of paper, 72 trees & 30,000 gallons of water.




GLASS BOTTLES & JARS

Recycled Glass Bottles can become: Highway marking beads, countertops, flooring, tile & landscaping stones & brick. **Did you know?** 1 ton of recycled glass saves 5 gallons of oil.




EMPTY AEROSOL CANS

Recycled Aerosol Cans become: New cans & other metal containers. **Did you know?** Each year Americans recycle more steel than aluminum, glass, paper and plastic combined in weight.




NO PLASTIC BAGS & PLASTIC FILM

Do NOT put your recyclables in plastic bags. Plastic Bags wrap around the separating equipment during processing and damage the equipment. Please recycle at local grocery stores not at curbside. **Go to RecycleTheWrap.com for more information.**



NO STYROFOAM & CLEAR CLAM SHELLS

Styrofoam and clear food containers are not recyclable in Mecklenburg County's processing system.




NO SHREDDED PAPER

Shredded paper reduces its size so dramatically that it ends up mixed with the residue. Some retail locations will accept shredded paper for recycling. Mecklenburg County holds an annual shredding event in conjunction with America Recycle Day in mid November.




NO HOUSEHOLD GLASS

Light bulbs and household glass such as window panes, mirrors & dishes are dangerous & should **not** be placed in your recycling cart



NO CERAMICS, POTTERY POTS & PANS

These items, including coffee mugs & old flower pots should be donated if they are in good shape. If not, they can be disposed of in your household trash or at any **Mecklenburg County Full Service Drop-Off Center**.




NO PAINT, PESTICIDES, AUTOMOTIVE FLUIDS, CAR & OTHER BATTERIES

Should not be put in your recycling cart. Please take these items to any **Mecklenburg County Full Service Drop-Off Center** for proper disposal.




NO AUTOMOTIVE PARTS & SCRAP METAL

Should not be put in your recycling cart. These items can be properly managed at any **Mecklenburg County Full Service Drop-Off Center**.



NO CLOTHING, TEXTILES or SHOES

Clothing, towels and rags should **NOT** be placed in your recycling cart. Please donate gently used clothing.



NO TANGLERS, GARDEN HOSES, COAT HANGERS, & ELECTRICAL CORDS

Tanglers should be disposed of in your household trash. These items wrap around separation equipment and should be thrown in the trash cart.