

Recycling your glass bottles, plastic bottles, newspapers, and old batteries is a great and safe alternative to discarding them in your trash, which either (1) gets burned at the City's Resource Recovery Facility and requires air emissions monitoring and pollution control or (2) takes up space in the landfill and requires long term pollution monitoring as well.

After you set your recyclables on your curb, they are picked up by the City and dropped off at the Recycling Facility located at Beery Road. At the Recycling Facility, all the aluminum cans, plastics, and other recyclables are sorted and baled for delivery to a variety of companies and dealers. The table below describes where each recyclables go.

Recyclable	Where does it go?	What happens to it?
Glass bottles – green, brown, and clear	Company in Pennsylvania	Melted down; Made into various glass products.
Aluminum Cans/ Tin Cans/ White Goods/ Miscellaneous Metal	Local dealer	Gets melted; Reused in various metal products.
Plastics #1, PETE (i.e. soda and water bottles)	Company in South Carolina	Used in the manufacture of carpets. Sorted, ground into fine chips, cleaned, melted, and extruded into fiber and spun into carpet yarn.
Plastics #2, HDPE (i.e. detergent bottles, milk jugs)	Company in South Carolina	Recycled and used in various plastic products.
Newspaper	Dealer in West Virginia	Sold to a variety of markets. Used in a variety of products like newsprint, insulation for the building industry and hydro-seeding for landscaping.
Miscellaneous Office Paper (collected from businesses only)	Local dealer	Sold to a variety of markets. Used in a variety of products like office paper, newsprint, insulation for the building industry, and hydroseeding for landscaping.
Cardboard (collected from businesses only)	Company in Virginia	Re-used as backing in gypsum drywall.
Batteries (dry cell)	Company in Michigan	Are disassembled. Usable components are sold back to the manufacturing chain. Unusable components are interned into a double-lined environmental protection facility.
Automobile Batteries	Local dealer	Are disassembled. Usable components are sold back to the manufacturing chain. Unusable components are interned into a double-lined environmental protection facility.

Still have questions about the City's Recycling Program? Please call the Public Works Department at 434-5928.