



# CURBSIDE RECYCLING



GLASS  
METAL  
#1, 2, 5 PLASTIC

Keep materials clean and dry. Use a covered bin.

Glass, metal items & plastic marked 1, 2 and 5 are accepted, and can be comingled.



Combine mixed paper & cardboard in a separate bin.

## QUESTIONS?

Go to [cityofsummit.org/recycle](http://cityofsummit.org/recycle) or access the Recycle Coach app

Curbside recycling saves the city, and taxpayers, money!

## DO NOT RECYCLE:

aerosol cans, batteries, lightbulbs, electronic waste, plastic bags /film, plastic cutlery, soiled pizza boxes, Styrofoam, shelf-stable cartons/cups, wire/plastic hangers



## RECYCLING GUIDELINES

Place items at the curb by **6AM**  
Recycling is collected **7AM-5PM** every Thursday except holidays.

Report missed pickups and other issues using **Report a Concern** tool on the city website or by calling **908.273.6404**

**Missed pickups** are completed on Fridays. Leave items at the curb.

**Important!**  
Do not place recycling in plastic bags. It will not be accepted by the contractor.

**Recycle Right!**  
Notices will be provided with reason for non-collection of material.

Material can also be recycled at the Municipal Transfer Station on 40 New Providence Ave. **But curbside is best!**



[cityofsummit.org/recycle](http://cityofsummit.org/recycle)  
908.273.6404 • [summitdcs@cityofsummit.org](mailto:summitdcs@cityofsummit.org)

#cityofsummitnj

# Frequently Asked Questions

## **Why do I have to clean my recyclables? Isn't it a waste of water?**

Comingled recycling (plastics #1, #2 and #5, glass and metal) needs to be rinsed. Un-rinsed material contaminates the recycling process.

## **What should I do if my recycling is not collected and my bins are carelessly returned or have been damaged?**

Use the *Report a Concern* tool on [cityofsummit.org](http://cityofsummit.org), or call the Department of Community Services at 908-273-6404 to report bins that have not been returned to the property or have been damaged. Notices will be provided with a reason for non-collection of the material.

## **Can recycling bins be lined with clear plastic recycling bags?**

Lining the can with a plastic bag is acceptable to keep bins clean. The recycling contractor will inform employees not to remove plastic linings in cans. Residents are also encouraged to leave a note on the lid of the can with instructions: Do not remove plastic bag.



## **How should I dispose of shredded/confidential paper?**

Shredded paper can be brought to Union County shredding events. Check the Union County Recycling website at [ucnj.org/recycling](http://ucnj.org/recycling) for dates and locations, or dispose of shredded paper in household trash.

## **Can I recycle plastic bags or plastic from packaging?**

Some grocery stores recycle plastic grocery bags. Check with local markets to find a location that recycles plastic bags. Summit has temporarily suspended its pilot program for plastic bag, wrap and packaging recycling at the Transfer Station. Guidelines advise materials to be thrown in household trash until program is reinstated.

## **Do I have to put cardboard and paper in a bin now? I had always put boxes and paper in a bag at the curb.**

Although using a bin is the best way to keep material dry and from blowing away on windy days, bundling cardboard and placing it at the curb is acceptable. Paper can be placed in a paper bag at the curb too.

## **Can cardboard milk containers be recycled? Should I include the plastic cap?**

Milk cartons with plastic caps can be recycled in paper recycling. Shelf stable cartons cannot be included.

**Do these guidelines apply to the Municipal Transfer Station as well?** Yes with two exceptions. Styrofoam and batteries are accepted at the Transfer Station.

## **Does Summit have a new recycling company?**

No we do not. Summit contracts with F. Basso Jr. Rubbish Removal for its recycling collection.

## **Can you ask people to stop putting out recycling overnight when it is windy? Trash blows all over the town. What should I do when it rains?**

We advise residents to avoid putting out recycling overnight when it is windy or raining. If it is raining on the day of collection, consider holding paper or cardboard recycling for the next week (unless you have a bin with a lid) or recycle at the Municipal Transfer Station.

## **Why do you want me to put recycling at the curb rather than use the Transfer Station?**

Summit pays its recycling contractor for every household to be able to recycle curbside. There are additional fees to dispose of recycling collected at the Transfer Station. Since we pay for residents to recycle curbside, we hope they will do so and avoid the extra charges we incur when recycling is brought to the Transfer Station.

