



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- 1. Are we going to have to pay more for this service?** No, there will be no change to the existing recycle collection system or cost. Recycling will continue with the same collection containers and collection schedule.
- 2. Can I get money back or a credit on my utility bill for the materials I recycle?** No, all revenues received from the sale of recycle materials are used to fund the recycle program.
- 3. What do I do with bottle caps and container lids?** Before tossing your container into the recycling bin, rinse the container and replace the cap or lid back onto the container. This minimizes the number of lids and caps that fall out of the collection and sorting system.
- 4. Can I recycle any plastic that has a recycling sign and number on it?** Almost. Tallahassee and Leon County now collect every type of household plastic container that holds less than three gallons. Plastic containers that held automotive fluids, pesticides, herbicides or other hazardous materials should be taken to the Hazardous Waste Center, located at 7550 Apalachee Parkway.
- 5. Why can't I put black plastic into my recycling collection?** Plastic items are sorted by optical scanners which use the reflection of light to identify the types of plastics. Black plastic does not reflect light, so cannot be seen and sorted by the scanners and could end up contaminating other materials. Microwave food trays, which are normally black, are also made of a special type of plastic which cannot be easily recycled.
- 6. Do I have to remove labels from plastic containers?** No, leave the labels on all containers; bottles, jugs, cans and glass bottles and jars.
- 7. What if I want to recycle but don't have a recycling barrel or bin?** There is a number of remote recycle drop off locations available in the city and the county. Visit the websites below for more information on these locations.
- 8. Can I recycle plastic bags?** No, not through curbside collection. Plastic bags can be returned to local grocery stores for recycling.
- 9. Can I recycle my laundry detergent bottles?** Yes, just rinse and empty before placing them into your recycle bin or Smart Cart.

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10. Where can I take other plastic household items that cannot be recycled?

Contact local charity organizations to find out if they would be interested in any other plastic items you have.

11. Will my recycle collection schedule change? No, it will continue to be provided using the same collection containers and collection schedule.

www.talgov.com/you/solid/recycle.cfm

www.LeonCountyFL.gov/Recycling

www.SustainableTallahassee.org