What can I recycle?

- Food Boxes
- Aluminum Cans
- Tin, Aerosol, or Steel Cans
- Plastic Tubs, Jars, and Trays
- Plastic Bottles, #1-#7,
- Glass Bottles and Jars
- Books (hardcover or paperback)
- Junk Mail, Inserts, Glossy Paper
- Cardboard (flattened)
- Magazines and Catalogs
- Newspapers & Inserts
- Office Paper and File Folders
- Paper Bags
- Shredded Paper (bagged in paper bags)

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RESIDENTIAL CURB-SIDE **RECYLING** Service

Take initiative!

Get your family involved.

Encourage your neighbors to recycle.

Recycle everywhere. If you see items on the street, sidewalk or at a park that can be recycled, take them to the nearest bin.

Recycle as many items as possible.

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205 N. River
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Sources

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Did you know?

75% of our trash can be recycled or composted.

What are the benefits of recycling?

Good for Our Economy
American companies rely on recycling programs to provide the raw materials they need to make new products.

Creates Jobs
Recycling in the U.S. is a $236 billion a year industry. More than 56,000 recycling and reuse enterprises employ 1.1 million workers nationwide.

Reduces Waste
The average American discards seven and a half pounds of garbage every day. Most of this garbage goes into to landfills, where it's compacted and buried.

Good for the Environment
Recycling requires far less energy, uses fewer natural resources, and keeps waste from piling up in landfills.

Saves Energy
Recycling offers significant energy savings over manufacturing with virgin materials. (Manufacturing with recycled aluminum cans uses 95% less energy.)

Preserves Landfill Space
No one wants to live next door to a landfill. Recycling preserves existing landfill space.

Reduces Water Pollution
Making goods from recycled materials generates far less water pollution than manufacturing from virgin materials.

Protects Wildlife
Using recycled materials reduces the need to damage forests, wetlands, rivers and other places essential to wildlife.

Creates New Demand
Recycling and buying recycled products creates demand for more recycled products, decreasing waste and helping our economy.

SERVICES WILL BE PROVIDED:

- By Progressive Waste
- On a weekly basis
- Utilizing 65 gallon containers

INSTRUCTIONS:

-Place your recycling cart by the curb (or where garbage cart is normally placed) by 5:00 a.m. on your service day
-All recyclables must be placed in the cart
-Place your cart at least 5 feet from other carts or objects

Recycling Tips:

In the kitchen, place a bin or a bag near your indoor garbage can so it's easy to sort recyclables from the trash.

Keep a bin, box, or paper bag next to where you open and read your mail.

Aluminum foil is easy to wipe clean. Reuse it as much as you can and clean it off before putting it in the recycling bin.

Packaging represents about 65% of household trash. Be aware of increased recycling opportunities, especially during the holiday season.

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Frequent Questions

Do I have to sort the items in the recycle container?

No, all recyclable items can be mixed and placed inside the container without sorting. Items are delivered to the Material Recovery Facility where they are processed and sorted. Please do not bag items within your container as plastic bags are not accepted.

If I have more than what fits in my recycle container, can I put recyclable items next to my cart at the curb?

No, all items must be placed inside the cart for pickup. Contact the City of Seguin to request an extra recycle cart for an additional fee.

Can I have more than one recycle container?

Yes, if you need an additional cart, contact the City of Seguin. There is an additional fee for extra carts.

Where do I place my recycle container for pickup?

Place recycle carts by the curb in front of your residence, or where you garbage cart is normally placed for pickup. If your garbage container is picked up in the alley, place your cart in the alley for pick-up on your service day. Carts should be at least 5 feet away from other carts or objects.

Do I have to place my cart out each week for pick-up?

No, weekly pick-up is not required; the same recycling fee will be billed to your account monthly.

When is my scheduled pick-up day?

Please view the recycle map on the City webpage at www.seguintexas.gov by clicking on the "City Maps" link at the bottom of the page, or call 830-379-3212 to verify your pick-up day. The recycle route may not be the same as your trash schedule.

Where do the recyclable items go after they are picked up?

The recycling materials are delivered and processed by Waste Management at their Material Recovery Facility in San Antonio, Texas.

Why is it important to rinse cans, bottles, and jars before putting them in the recycle container?

Food waste creates odor and pest problems and contaminates the recovery process. Contaminated materials may be rejected at the recycling facility.

Do I have to remove the labels from jars, bottles, and containers?

No, labels do not have to be removed from containers.

Can I recycle shredded paper?

Yes, but shredded paper must be bagged in paper bags (not plastic). Loose shredded paper would create a mess on our streets because it could not be neatly emptied into the recycling truck.

What happens if I throw trash into my recycling container?

If our service providers see items in your recycling container that are not allowed in the recycling stream, it will not be collected. It will be your responsibility to remove the items for future service. If you are unsure whether an item is recyclable, please call the City of Seguin. It is very important that you follow the recycling guidelines so that the recycling stream is not contaminated and therefore rejected at the recycling facility.

What does the recycling fee pay for?

The monthly recycling fee assessed on each residential customer's utility bill is used to pay for the recycling service provided by Progressive Waste. The fee covers the cost of operations such as labor, fuel, insurance, repair and maintenance, as well as the cost of capital investment in trucks, carts, etc., and provides a reasonable rate of return for their shareholders. Progressive Waste retains proceeds (if any) from the recycling material collected in the City. Progressive Waste will also be liable for any disposal fees that may be charged for contaminated material, and will also be responsible for disposal charges that may be applied by the Material Recovery Facility in the event that the market value of the material decreases.

What items are NOT accepted?

- Electronics
- Ceramic or Dishes
- Motor Oil Containers
- Hazardous Waste Containers
- Light Bulbs
- Window Glass or Mirrors
- Plastic Bags (grocery or trash) *Return to the store*
- Plastic Wrap/Cling Wrap
- Chip Bags or Candy Wrappers
- Dog Food/Cat Food Bags
- Wet & Soiled Paper (paper plates, napkins, tissue)
- Pizza Boxes
- Yard Waste
- Styrofoam
- Clothing or Textiles
- Stable Matter (fertilizer, manure)

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Can I get recycle service if I have a commercial account with the City?

The City recycling service is available only to residential customers at this time, however City commercial customers interested in setting up recycling service can contact the City and your information will be forwarded to Progressive Waste for follow-up.