

## What do I do with the items that I can't place in my recycle cart?

- **Needles:** Place needles in a plastic container and secure the lid with heavy duty tape. Then place container in garbage for pick-up.
- **Plastic bags:** return to stores such as a grocery store or place in your garbage cart.
- **Hazardous Waste:** Alamance County Landfill (376-8902) (see below)
- **Fluorescent/lamp Bulbs:** Bulbs must be taken to the Household Hazardous Waste Events held by the Alamance County Landfill twice a year. CFL (curly) bulbs must be returned to home improvement stores. Older-type traditional bulbs may be placed in the regular garbage.
- **E-Waste:** the City hosts quarterly drop-off events for e-waste disposal. Visit [www.BurlingtonNC.gov/ewaste](http://www.BurlingtonNC.gov/ewaste) for scheduled dates.
- **Paint & Pesticides:** Collection events are hosted by Alamance County Landfill (376-8902).

## Household Hazardous Waste, Electronic Waste (E-Waste) & the Plastic Bottle Ban

### Household Hazardous Waste:

The Alamance County Landfill does not accept household hazardous waste (HHW); however, they do hold periodic HHW collection events. HHW includes items such as antifreeze, brake fluid, car batteries, cleaners, gasoline, liquid paints, poisons, pesticides, solvents, transmission fluid, weed killer, and etc. These items are prohibited from your weekly garbage or recycling collection. Call (336) 376-8902 for additional information.

### Electronic Waste (E-Waste):

The State Discarded Computer Equipment and Television Management Law, otherwise known as the E-Waste Ban took effect July 1, 2011. This ban regulates the disposal of electronic equipment. This ban will no longer allow landfill disposal of electronics and computers.

E-waste includes: computers, monitors, printers, cell phones, TVs, etc. Working computer components may also be taken to Goodwill Stores for *FREE* and some office supply stores (fee may apply). TV's (If less than 32") can be taken to Best Buy stores. Please refer to [www.BurlingtonNC.gov/ewaste](http://www.BurlingtonNC.gov/ewaste) for additional electronic recycling resources.



### Plastic Bottle Ban:

Effective Oct. 1, 2009 North Carolina has banned all rigid plastic containers from landfills. This includes any bottles with a neck smaller than the container itself.



## How should I care for my cart?

When needed, you should clean your cart by washing it with mild soap and water. Doing this regularly should reduce odor and insect issues.



# Recycling Guide



The City of Burlington contracts with Waste Industries for the bi-weekly collection of recyclables. If you have any questions or comments about your recycling services, you may call Waste Industries at 336-229-0525 or visit us at [www.BurlingtonNC.gov/recycle](http://www.BurlingtonNC.gov/recycle). The recycling, garbage, leaf collection and holiday schedules are advertised through media announcements and on the City's website.

## Using Recycling Carts

The City provides one 95-gallon recycling cart to residents. Additional carts, if necessary, may be requested for a fee of \$2.29 per month.

These carts are property of the City and must remain with the house to which they have been assigned. If you move, leave the cart behind.

To request a recycling cart or to report a stolen cart, call the City of Burlington Sanitation Division at (336) 222-5111.

Place your green recycling cart at the curb by 7:00am and remove the cart from the curb by 7:00pm. Carts need to have 5 feet of clearance from all obstructions (garage cart, mail box, shrubs, etc.) and not blocked by vehicles. The cart handle and wheels should face your house. **All recyclables must be placed inside the cart**; any loose materials that are placed outside of your container will not be picked up.

## What can be recycled?

Refer to the educational information on the lid of the cart for what is acceptable to place in the cart and what should not be placed in the cart.

Do not mix garbage with recyclables in the cart. If garbage is found in the recycling cart, the cart will be tagged and recorded for violating the City's Solid Waste Ordinance. Continued violations will result in the material not being collected and/or fines being issued.

The City accepts the following materials for recycling:

### Paper:

All newspapers, office paper, cereal/food boxes, phone books, magazines, junk mail, etc.



### Cardboard:

Any corrugated boxes (completely flattened to fit in the recycling cart)



### Plastics:

Emptied and rinsed PETE and HDPE #1-#7 plastics, including drink bottles, detergent bottles, milk jugs, yogurt cup and food tubs.



### Aluminum and Metal Cans:

Emptied and rinsed aluminum and tin cans with tops removed.



### Glass Bottles and Jars:

Emptied and rinsed bottles of any color.



## Items prohibited from recycling carts.

Placing prohibited items in your trash or recycling cart may result in fines. The following items are prohibited from being placed in your recycling cart....

- Needles or medical waste
- Plastic bags
- Styrofoam
- Bubble wrap
- Household hazardous waste
- Electronics/ E-Waste
- Toys, or clothing
- Light bulbs
- Window glass
- Scrap metal, pots/pans
- Paints
- Construction material
- Garbage
- Yard waste

-When bagging recyclables, use only paper bags.-

## Questions About Recycling?

Contact Waste Industries Recycling at 336-229-0525.