

# Country Club View

Solid Waste Management Program

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# Subject I Get The Most Questions About

## Plastics

- What gets recycled is dependent on your recyclables collector and what the processing facility is currently recovering and selling.
- Resin numbers mean nothing when it comes to recyclability.
- Ask your Trash Collector what plastics they take. Always follow their direction carefully.
- Put loose (not bagged), clean, dry, empty plastic bottles and jugs (with caps on if you have the cap) in the recycling bin at home or work or take to a recycling drop-off center at I-66 Transfer Station and I-95 Landfill Complex.

# How Do We Rid Ourselves of Plastic?

1. Break Up with Bottle Water – reusable bottles (steel), in-home water filters
2. Shop with Reusable Bags
3. Recycle Plastic Bags
4. Stop using plastic produce bags
5. Skip the Straw
6. Reuse plastic containers
7. Use Recycled Paper for disposable items (cups, plates)
8. Avoid prepackaged food – shop local farmer's markets
9. Store your food in glass containers
10. <https://lifewithoutplastic.com/>
11. <http://www.cleanfairfax.org/>

# Definitive List of What Can Be Recycled

There is no Definitive List

Ask Your Collector

# How Can I Maximize My Recycling Contributions?

- **Avoid Contamination**

- Follow the guidelines from your trash collector for what to put in your recycling bin
- Don't be a “wishful recycler”.

# What Is Happening With Recycled Glass?

- 4 Million Pounds of Glass has been collected since inception of the program Spring 2019
- Shipping unprocessed glass to **Strategic Materials, Inc.** – a glass beneficiator – an interim processor.
- Further processes and color-separates glass for use by manufacturers
- Strategic Materials is one of the largest suppliers of post-consumer glass in the country

# Paper vs. Plastic Bags for Yard Waste

- We encourage the use of paper bags
- Yard waste put out in plastic bags will still be picked up
- At this time we are not sure when or if a ban on plastic bags for the collection of yard waste will be implemented in Fairfax County.
- Plastic yard waste bags are made from non-renewable resources, require additional processing, and add microplastics to the environment. Paper bags have none of these problems.

# Future Projects



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