Recycling in Washington Grove (Updated July 2024)

1. Roadside Recycling

A. What to Put in Your Blue Bin

Please put all recyclables including mixed paper and recyclable yard waste **by the road on Thursdays by 7 am.** **For missed pickups** contact the Town Office at 301-926-2256 or washgrove@comcast.net. Yard waste is NOT collected during December, January or February.

Please Empty and Rinse All Containers.

Material	Recycle These	Not Acceptable
Glass	All glass bottles and jars - clear, green and brown	NO mirror or window glass NO light bulbs NO drinking glasses or cups NO plates or ceramics NO broken bottles or jars
Metal	All aluminum and steel food and beverage cans; *clean* aluminum foil products	NO pots, pans, tubing or furniture NO siding NO automotive parts NO aluminum foil with food on it NO electronics
Plastic	Bottles, containers, tubs, lids, pails, buckets, nursery and flower pots, and medicine, pill, and vitamin bottles marked with the recycling symbol and the numbers 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 7 Stadium cups Tupperware- or Rubbermaid-type durable plastic containers and lids	NO containers that have contained hazardous materials such as motor oil, antifreeze or lawn and garden chemicals NO syringes, IV fluid bags, gloves or other plastic medical supplies NO Styrofoam or Polystyrene (PS) NO packing peanuts or foam blocks used to protect items in shipment NO plastic wrap, bags, film or shrink wrap* NO food-soiled plastic NO items marked with the recycling symbol and the number 6 *but these items can be recycled at the Transfer Station. See https://bit.ly/moco-plastics-recycling for more info.

B. Yard Waste (Collected by Our Trash Contractor)

BAG IT
Place leaves, grass, brush and other yard trimmings in the large paper bags available at local grocery, hardware and/ or home improvement stores.

CAN IT
Use reusable containers, such as trash cans. Cans must be marked "recycling". Bright green stickers are available in the Town Office.

BUNDLE IT
Brush can be tied in brown bundles no larger than 30" in diameter, 4' in length. Pieces may not exceed 4" in diameter.

C. Paper that You Can Put Out Roadside (But NOT in the same Blue Bin as your glass, metal and plastic containers)

Flatten all empty boxes; tie in bundles no larger than 3' x 3' and no thicker than 6" each. Acceptable materials can be combined and placed in paper bags or small cardboard boxes.

Material	Recycle These	Not Acceptable
Mixed Paper	Newspapers Magazines Catalogs Office and computer paper Unwanted mail Envelopes with windows Paperback books Milk and juice cartons with a plastic spout (leave spout as is)	NO packing material (foam/ plastic) NO food-soiled paper such as plastic or wax coated liners, pizza boxes NO wax-coated liners NO wax paper, carbon paper NO paint-contaminated paper NO hardback books NO foil gift wrap or any paper packaging that includes foil/metallic printing or other elements NO paper towels, napkins or tissues
Cardboard	Corrugated cardboard, cereal and all other paper boxes	NO DIRTY PIZZA BOXES NO food-soiled cardboard

2. Recycling Plastic Bags at Your Local Grocery Store or at the Transfer Station (See https://bit.ly/moco-plastics-recycling for more info about recycling these items at the Transfer Station)

Please recycle only clean, dry plastic bags and film.
Remove receipts, labels, tape, food residue or any other items from bags.

Recycle These

Retail, carryout, produce, newspaper, bread, and dry-cleaning bags
Zip-top food storage bags
Plastic shipping envelopes, bubble wrap and air pillows (deflate)
Product wrap on cases of water/soda bottles, paper towels, napkins, disposable cups, bathroom tissue, diapers, and female sanitary products
Furniture and electronic wrap
Plastic cereal box liners (**but** if it tears like paper, **do not include**)
Any film packaging or bag that has the *How2Recycle* Label ⟶

Not Acceptable

NO degradable/compostable bags or film packaging
NO pre-washed mixed salad bags
NO frozen food bags
NO candy bar wrappers
NO chip bags
NO six-pack rings
NO crinkly plastic
NO rigid plastic

Recycle if Clean & Dry
Store Drop-off
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