

# THE ORANGE COUNTY RECYCLER

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# RECYCLING MYTHS VS FACTS

## IF AN ITEM HAS THE CHASING ARROW TRIANGLE SYMBOL, IT CAN BE RECYCLED.

The symbol indicates the type of plastic resin used to make the item and not what goes in the blue lid cart. Remember to “Think 5” and only place these items in the recycling cart: (1) plastic bottles, jugs, and tubs #1 - #5, (2) metal cans, (3) glass bottles and jars, (4) cardboard, and (5) paper.



## PLASTIC BAGS CAN GO IN THE RECYCLING CART.

Plastic bags and wraps should never go in the recycling cart. Visit [BagandFilmRecycling.org](http://BagandFilmRecycling.org) to find a drop-off location near you.

## CONTAINERS MUST BE WASHED BEFORE RECYCLING.

A quick rinse or wipe is sufficient for bottles and containers to deter bugs. Too much food or liquid can contaminate other recyclables like paper. Recyclables should be empty and dry before placing in the cart.

## IT DOESN'T MATTER WHAT GOES INTO THE CART; IT WILL ALL BE SORTED EVENTUALLY.

Too many unacceptable items can make the recycling load too contaminated for processing. For example, “stringy things” like hoses and wires get tangled in the sorting equipment and shut down operations for hours, even days.

Not sure if it can be recycled or how to dispose of it? Visit: [www.ocfl.net/WhatGoesWhere](http://www.ocfl.net/WhatGoesWhere)

Join us at [www.ocfl.net/OCRecyclesDay](http://www.ocfl.net/OCRecyclesDay) for a virtual celebration of over 30 years of recycling in Orange County!



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# COMMUNITY COLLECTION EVENTS



**HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS & ELECTRONIC WASTE DISPOSAL**

Improperly disposing of household hazardous waste (HHW) and electronic waste (E-Waste) can injure waste workers and contaminate the environment. Orange County Utilities offers safe and responsible disposal options at community collection events and county drop-off locations. Materials accepted free of charge include paint products, pesticides, propane tanks, cooking oil, fluorescent lightbulbs, rechargeable batteries, computers, cell phones, car fluids, and more. No regular garbage or commercial waste accepted. Paint and chemicals limited to 25 gallons per vehicle. Please cover all lithium battery terminals with tape and separate them from other batteries.



**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21**

**8 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

Apopka High School  
555 Martin Street, Apopka 32712

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2**

**8 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

East River High School - Parking Lot #3  
650 E. River Falcons Way, Orlando 32833

Please visit [www.ocfl.net/HHW](http://www.ocfl.net/HHW) for permanent drop-off locations and hours, more information, and tips **before your trip**. *Never dispose of HHW or E-Waste in the blue lid recycling cart.*



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## IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR GARBAGE AND RECYCLING SERVICE

### THANKSGIVING COLLECTION SCHEDULE

MONDAY 11/20	TUESDAY 11/21	WEDNESDAY 11/22	THURSDAY 11/23	FRIDAY 11/24	SATURDAY 11/25
Regular collection day	Regular collection day	Regular collection day	No collection	Collection if regular day is Thursday	Collection if regular day is Friday



*Please place carts and items curbside by 6 a.m. on collection day.*



Call the Orange County Utilities Solid Waste Hotline at 407-836-6601 to get more information about your garbage, recycling, and yard waste collection, and household hazardous and electronic waste disposal.

Para más información, por favor llame al Departamento de Servicios Públicos del Condado de Orange y pida hablar con un representante en español. El número de teléfono es 407-836-6601. Este boletín informativo está disponible en español en el sitio web [www.ocfl.net/recycles](http://www.ocfl.net/recycles) o puede llamar a la División de Desperdicios Sólidos del Departamento de Servicios Públicos del Condado de Orange al 407-836-6601.

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