

City of St. Augustine Beach - Recycling 2022 – Frequently Asked Questions

1. What day of the week is my recycling going to be picked up?

Your recycling will be picked up on the SAME day as your regular trash pick-up.

2. The city did not empty my bin and they left a note, what do I do?

Please review the note attached to your recycling bin to determine the exact cause of the bin rejection. Bin rejection may occur for many reasons; but most commonly when it contains material not accepted by the city, has bagged material, or contains contaminated material. Please note that the city only accepts the following recyclable materials:

- Types 1 and 2 Plastic
- Aluminum and Steel cans
- Paper and Cardboard

If you are uncertain of the cause of the bin rejection, or if a note was not attached to the uncollected bin, please call the Public Works Department at 471-1119 for more information.

3. Why can't I recycle glass?

Unfortunately, there is little market for recycled glass at the present time. Additionally, glass presents challenges to single stream recycling; by breaking, contaminating the recycling stream, and causing increased wear and tear on equipment. Due to these challenges, the disposal facility the city currently uses will not accept glass in the recycle stream. The city is investigating options for the recycling of glass in the future which does not contaminate the single stream recycling.

4. Why didn't the city leave the dumpsters in the City Hall lot?

The temporary dumpsters were provided free of charge as a courtesy by the City of St. Augustine to assist the Beach during our suspension of curbside recycling collection. St. Augustine Beach only provides can/cart collection service, and our trucks are not equipped to empty dumpsters.

5. Can I use the blue 18-gallon recycling bin that I already have?

Yes, you can use the same bin that you've always used, the blue 18-gallon bins. The city will not collect recyclables from other containers.

6. How do I know if the plastic is type 1 and type 2?

Plastics are usually labeled with a number inside a triangle. This is usually on the bottom of the plastic container. The labeling is often very small and difficult to read, therefore the following descriptions of plastic types are presented to help in identification.

- Type 1 Polyethylene Terephthalate (a.k.a. PETE or PET1) is most frequently used in water and beverages bottles, food jars and containers, salad dressing and oil bottles, clothes fiber, and mouthwash bottles. Plastic #1 is usually clear in color, and it is not intended for multiple uses.



Figure 1 - Examples of Type 1 PET

- Type 2 High-Density Polyethylene (a.k.a. HDPE or HDPE2) is used in the manufacture of various items such as bottles for cosmetics, household cleaners, as well as water, juice, and milk jugs. HDPE2 is typically opaque or semi-opaque.



Figure 2 - Examples of Type 2 HDPE2

- Type 5 Polypropylene (a.k.a. PP or PP5) **(WHICH THE CITY DOES NOT COLLECT)** is commonly used in yogurt containers, liner in cereals boxes, disposable diapers, plastic bottles tops, prescription pill bottles, kitchenware, disposable plates, cups, and cutlery. Very little of PP5 is recycled (estimated at 3%) and there is currently no demand for its recycling. As such, the city does not accept it in the recycle stream. Should demand for PP5 increase, the city will adjust accordingly

7. How much does my recycling cost and how do I pay for it?

Residential dwellings pay, via a non-ad valorem assessment on their annual property tax bill, \$315 per dwelling unit per year for solid waste collection, disposal, and recycling services. Of this fee, \$40 per year (\$3.33 per month) pays for the operation of the city's recycling program. The fee is set to match the actual cost to provide the recycling service.