

CITY OF ELWOOD

CURBSIDE RECYCLING RULES & GUIDELINES

1. Items should be placed in separate bags: Plastic, Glass, Aluminum Cans/Tin Cans, Newspaper/Office Paper/Magazines, Cardboard
2. Plastic items
 - a) Only Plastics type 1 – 7 will be accepted. Plastics can be identified by the number inside the recycling triangle, usually found on the bottom of the item.
 - b) All items must be rinsed clean and be free of food and beverage residue, to prevent attracting insects, rodents, or other pests.
3. Glass
 - a) Only clear, green, and brown glass bottles and jars will be accepted.
 - b) Do NOT break glass. Broken glass will not be accepted
 - c) No window/door glass can be accepted.
 - d) All items must be rinsed clean and be free of food and beverage residue, to prevent attracting insects, rodents, or other pests
4. Aluminum / Tin Cans
 - a) All items must be rinsed clean and be free of food and beverage residue, to prevent attracting insects, rodents, or other pests
 - b) Paper labels may be left on cans.
 - c) Scrap metal will also be accepted providing it fits in the recycling bin
5. Newspaper / Office Paper / Magazines
 - a) Remove the slick adds from the paper and place with magazines and other slick paper
 - b) Office paper should be placed with the newspaper.
 - c) Shredded paper will be accepted, but must be in a plastic or paper bag.
6. Cardboard
 - a) Cardboard boxes should be broken down / smashed flat. Boxes not broken down WILL NOT be accepted.
 - b) Cardboard must have all plastic and Styrofoam removed.
 - c) If you have a large quantity of cardboard, several boxes may be broken down and placed in a single large box.
 - d) Cardboard must be dry.
7. Items not meeting the criteria listed above will be left in the recycling container and not picked up until they conform.