

# Morgantown 2019 Recycling and Waste Service Guide



## Waste Compliance

Residents of Morgantown are required by City ordinance to sign up and contract for recycling and waste collection. Residents with two or more units per building in any part of the city will be considered a “commercial account” and will be priced as a commercial account. Vacant residences may be eligible for a temporary waiver to the ordinance. Please **contact Republic Services®** for more details. If tenants of a rental property are not properly signed up for services, property owners may be responsible for paying charges for collection services.

## Collection Guidelines

Waste should be in containers not to exceed 32 gallons in capacity and not weighing more than 50 pounds. If you have more than one bulk item to set out, you must contact Republic Services for a special pickup before setting the items out. Construction materials set out for collection will NOT be taken. Carpet must be cut, bundled and less than 4 feet in length.

## E-waste Collection

Contact Republic Services for special collection of electronic waste including televisions, monitors, computers, DVD players, radios and VCRs. Special collections are made by appointment only by calling Customer Service to arrange for pickup.



## Penalties for Non-Compliance with Laws

No person, except the City or its designated independent contractor, shall engage in or conduct the business of collection, removal, or disposal of solid waste within the City. Illegal dumping or unlawful use of container will result in a maximum fine of \$500.

## Contacting Republic Services

Any questions regarding collection days, container deliveries, repairs and replacements or bulk pick ups can be communicated by calling our Customer Service Department at 304.277.2088, by emailing [customerfirst4972@republicservices.com](mailto:customerfirst4972@republicservices.com) or by visiting [RepublicServices.com](http://RepublicServices.com).



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## What is single-stream recycling?

Single-stream recycling is a system in which all recyclables are placed unsorted in one's recycling container. Recyclables will be sorted by state-of-the-art processing equipment at a regional recycling center.

## Why should I recycle?

It makes you feel good.  
It is good for the environment.  
It is required by City ordinance.

## Questions about recycling?

Visit the City of Morgantown website at [www.morgantownwv.gov](http://www.morgantownwv.gov) for recycling information:

**Home>Life in Morgantown>Trash & Recycling>Recycling**

For service-related issues, customers should submit a complaint via the City's Citizen Request Tracker:

**Home>Services>Report A Concern>Neighborhood Enforcement>Garbage Service Issues**

Contact MUB at 304.292.8443 for billing issues.

## Thinking about participating in other city initiatives for sustainability?

Visit the same website above to find the Morgantown Municipal Green Team webpage:

**Home>Government>Advisory Boards>Green Team**

## Step 1 - Get a recycling container

Contact Republic Services at 304.366.8900 or 800.696.3173 to get your recycling container.



## Step 2 - Feed the container

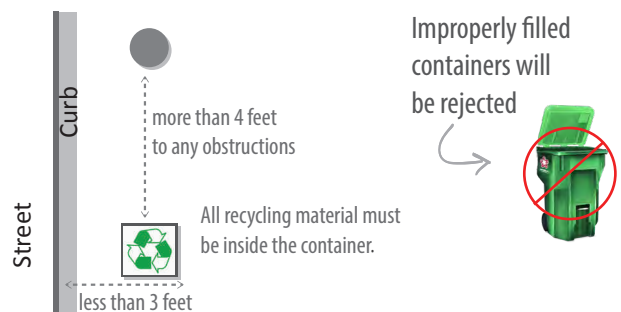
**Glass:** Only food or beverage containers of any color. Thoroughly rinse or wipe out food or other waste. Remove and throw any metal or plastic caps in the trash.

**Plastic:** Flattened containers of natural and colored plastic with recycling symbol #s 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, or 7 (not 6). Containers must be larger than 2 inches on shortest dimension and not contain any food or other waste. Labels okay to leave on. Plastic lids must be attached to bottle.

**Metal:** Only food or beverage containers made of aluminum or steel larger than 2 inches on the shortest dimension. Screw metal caps back on flattened container. Thoroughly rinse or wipe out any food or other waste.

**Paper, including cardboard:** Should be clean, empty and dry of waste and larger than a standard postcard (except for shredded paper placed in clear plastic bag).

## Step 3 - Set out the container for pick up



Set out your green recycling container no earlier than the evening before your scheduled waste pickup day.



*Don't throw it away; it can be used in some other way!*

*Is it recyclable?*

**YES**

Beer, wine, liquor bottles, food jars, water, juice, and soda bottles



Water/beverage/soda bottles and jars, jugs and tubs



Beer cans, food cans, juice cans, soda cans, containers of food-grade oil



Brochures, envelopes, junk mail, printing paper, magazines, newspaper, paper ream wrappers



**NO**

Ceramics, drinking glasses, glass food containers, light bulbs of any kind, mirrors, window glass



Glass

Containers with food or other waste, polystyrene foam\* food containers, loose plastic caps, plastic film/bags



Plastic

Foil pans, aluminum foil, paint cans, aerosol cans, tires



Metal

Pizza boxes with food waste, napkins, paper towels, tissues, wax paper cups, holiday wrapping paper



Paper



**Empty. Clean. Dry.™**

Please make sure your recyclables are **empty, clean and dry** before placing them in your recycling container.

*\*Styrofoam® is a registered trademark of the Dow Chemical Co., Inc.*

The City of Morgantown, residents, and related recycling companies are partners in making recycling work in our community. Residents can play their part by only placing items that can currently be recycled in their recycling containers. *Note: If unacceptable items are found by workers, the entire container will be rejected.*

## Paper

**Guidelines:** should be empty, clean and dry of waste and larger than a standard postcard (3" x 5"). All recycling materials must be loose in the recycling container and not in any type of plastic bag.

Acceptable	Not Acceptable
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Brochures</li><li>• Envelopes</li><li>• Junk mail</li><li>• Printing paper (staples okay)</li><li>• Magazines</li><li>• Newspaper (including inserts)</li><li>• Paper ream wrappers</li><li>• Phone books</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Napkins</li><li>• Paper towels</li><li>• Tissues</li><li>• Wax paper cups</li><li>• Food wrappers (e.g., candy/granola bars)</li><li>• Holiday wrapping paper</li><li>• Any paper with food or other waste</li></ul>

## Cardboard

**Guidelines:** must be larger than a standard postcard (3" x 5"), dry and clean of food or other waste. Flatten boxes and, if too large for the container, cut or fold them to fit. Please remove packaging tape.

Acceptable	Not Acceptable
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Cardboard boxes (flattened)</li><li>• Cardboard food containers</li><li>• Cartons (e.g., rinsed and dried cartons of milk creamer, soy milk and juice)</li><li>• File folders</li><li>• Paper/cardboard poster board</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Cardboard contaminated with oil, etc.</li><li>• Pizza boxes with food waste or grease</li></ul>

## Plastic

**Guidelines:** containers of natural and colored plastic with recycling symbol #1, 2, 3, 4, 5, or 7 (not 6 or polystyrene foam, also known as \*Styrofoam®). No bags or film (except as noted above under paper). Containers must be larger than 2 inches on shortest dimension and no larger than 3 gallons. Rinse or wipe out any food or other waste; leave labels on. Plastic caps/lids must be attached to bottle; otherwise discard lid/cap in trash.

Acceptable	Not Acceptable
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Water/beverage/soda bottles</li><li>• Plastic jugs</li><li>• Food bottles, tubs, and jars (3 gallons or less)</li><li>• Containers of food-grade oil</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Containers with food or other waste</li><li>• Food wrappers (e.g., candy/granola bars)</li><li>• Plastic caps not screwed onto original containers</li><li>• Plastic film/bags, except those used for shredded paper (see "Paper")</li><li>• Polystyrene foam (Styrofoam®)</li></ul>



## Glass

**Guidelines:** only food or beverage containers of any color (clear, brown, green, or amber) less than 3 gallons in size. Thoroughly rinse or wipe out food or other waste. Dispose of corks or metal caps.

### Acceptable

- Beer, wine, liquor bottles
- Food jars
- Water, juice, and soda bottles

### Not Acceptable

- Ceramics
- Drinking glasses
- Light bulbs or fluorescent tubes
- Mirrors
- Window glass

## Metal

**Guidelines:** only aluminum or steel food or beverage containers larger than 2 inches on the shortest dimension. Flatten container and screw metal caps back on; otherwise, discard caps. Thoroughly rinse or wipe out any food or other waste.

### Acceptable

- Beer cans
- Food cans
- Juice cans
- Soda cans
- Containers of food-grade oil

### Not Acceptable

- Aerosol cans
- Aluminum foil
- Appliances
- Metal caps not on original containers
- Scrap metal



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