

# Do Your Part.



**Use The Cart  
Baton Rouge.**



**Recycle Rouge**

City of Baton Rouge | Parish of East Baton Rouge

# Recycling Just Got Easier.

## No More Sorting!

Over the next several months, we are replacing the green and red bins with new 64-gallon wheeled recycling carts. Now you can mix everything together . . . no more sorting! With the added capacity and ease of the sort system, and your commitment to recycling, we hope to double our recycling tonnage collected at the curb!

### What To Do After You Receive Your New Cart:

#### Save Your Serial Number

Your cart has a serial number on it. Each address has a cart "assigned" to it. This helps you keep up with your cart, and helps locate lost or stolen carts and return them to their proper homes. Write your serial number down and keep it in a safe place. If your cart is lost, damaged, or stolen you will need the serial number for reporting purposes.

#### Pay Attention To Set-Out Time And Cart Location At The Curb

On your regular recycling collection day, place the cart at the curb the night before or no later than 5:00 a.m. The cart handle should face your house. Keep at least 3 feet between your recycling cart, garbage cart and trash pile, and make sure the cart is clear of any parked vehicles, mailboxes, power lines or other obstructions. Remove your cart after collection.

### Curbside Set-Out Guide

No household hazardous waste (paint, chemicals, thinner, batteries, electronics)

Cart lids must be closed. Overflowing carts will not be collected. Move vehicles off the street on collection day.



3 feet

curb

#### Garbage Cart

Bagged household garbage and bagged small trash  
No hot coals, yard waste or woody waste



3 feet

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#### Recycling Cart

Household Recyclables (Do not bag)  
No garbage, yard waste or woody waste



#### Trash

Bagged yard waste, woody waste, furniture, large household trash  
No garbage or contractor-generated building materials



3 feet

curb



#### Bulky Recyclables

Refrigerators, stoves, washers, appliances and up to four automobile tires  
No garbage, yard waste or woody waste

#### How do I use my new cart?

Instead of sorting paper and containers, now all recyclables – listed in the chart on page 3 in this brochure and also on the lid of your wheeled container – go into the cart together. Begin using your cart on your next regular recycling day after delivery. Your weekly collection days for both garbage and recycling will stay the same.

#### Remember:

- **DO NOT OVERFILL THE CARTS.** Flatten all cardboard boxes so that the lid closes securely. Bulky cardboard too large to fit inside the cart may be folded and flattened and placed beside the cart. The cart lid must remain firmly closed to prevent littering or spillage during automated collection.

- With the exception of bulky cardboard, recyclable materials placed outside the cart will not be collected.
- Do not leave the emptied cart on the street or in the alley where it may be stolen or damaged.
- Your new cart will be delivered in the correct position for collection. Place the handle towards your home (away from the street).
- Do not use plastic or paper bags to separate your recyclables.
- There must be 3 feet of space on each side of the recycling cart.

# What Goes Inside The Recycling Cart

## New Recyclable Materials Now Accepted\*

**DO NOT BAG RECYCLABLES.** Place them loose in the cart. Be sure the cart lid is completely closed for collection.



### PLASTIC\*

plastic with #1 through #7 inside the triangular shaped recycling symbol, beverage bottles, food containers (rinse), detergent bottles, shampoo bottles, prescription bottles, baby wipe containers, household cleaner and bleach bottles (empty and rinse), flower pots, buckets (5-gallon or less, remove metal handles)

**NO** plastic bags, hangers, toys, 6-pack rings, chemical containers, packing materials, plastic wrap



### PAPER

junk mail, coupons, white or colored paper, gift wrap, envelopes, paper grocery bags, shopping bags (remove handles), catalogs, magazines, newspapers and inserts (remove rubber bands and plastic bags, do not tie up newspapers), paperback books, telephone books, shredded paper

**NO** soiled paper, photos, hard cover books, carbon paper, newspaper delivery bags or rubber bands



### CARTONS

juice, milk and cream boxes and cartons (rinse), cereal and cracker boxes (remove liners)

**NO** waxy frozen food packaging, take-out food containers, pizza boxes



### GLASS

clear, brown and green beverage bottles and food jars (empty and rinse), wine bottles (remove top, cork and foil, rinse)

**NO** light bulbs, mirrors, window glass, drinking glasses, ceramics, Pyrex



### METAL

aluminum, tin and metal alloy beverage, food and pet food cans, metal lids (empty and rinse)

**NO** aerosol cans, wire hangers, aluminum foil, pie pans, non-food metal containers



### CARDBOARD\*

corrugated and paperboard boxes, 6, 12 and 24-pack drink cartons (flattened), paper egg cartons, shoe boxes

**NO** pizza boxes, plastic or foam packing material, waxed cardboard or boxes with plastic or foil linings

Flatten corrugated boxes and place in cart or on ground next to cart.

**REMOVE ALL TOPS AND LIDS FROM NON-METAL CONTAINERS AND DISCARD.**

**RECYCLING CARTS MUST BE AT THE CURB BY 5:00 A.M**

### MISSED COLLECTION?

Call 311 or 389.3090, or for more information call the East Baton Rouge Parish Recycling Office at 389.5194 or visit [www.brgov.com/dept/recycle](http://www.brgov.com/dept/recycle)

**Do Your Part. Use The Cart.**

**NO** plastic bags, household garbage, yard trimmings or woody waste, building materials, automobile/trailer or bike tires, household or hazardous waste (electronics, batteries, paint, chemicals, oil or oil filters), soiled papers (diapers, tissues, paper towels, paper plates, napkins, pizza boxes)

## Recycling Cart Smart Q&A

### What if the cart isn't large enough to hold all of my recyclables?

If, after using your new cart, you find that you need more room, you may order an additional cart for a cost of \$60.00. Call The Recycling Foundation at 225.925.3442 to order an additional cart.

**What happened to my old green or red recycling bin?** Your green/red bin was collected for recycling when your new wheeled cart was delivered. If you put out additional green/red bins after your cart is delivered they will be emptied and collected as well.

**Why is a compactor type truck collecting my recyclables?** Under the new "single-stream" recycling system, all recyclables are collected together in compacting rearloaders, transported and then mechanically sorted at the Recycling Foundation's Materials Recovery Facility (MRF) on Tom Drive in Baton Rouge. A system of conveyor belts, screens, electromagnets and blasts of air separate paper from plastics, glass and other materials. Sorted bales and bins of materials are then taken to processing facilities before being sold in the marketplace to make new products. **ALL MATERIALS COLLECTED IN THE BATON ROUGE PROGRAM ARE SORTED AND SOLD TO MAKE NEW PRODUCTS.**

**What do I do if my recycling collection is missed?** Call 311 or 225.389.3090 to report the missed collection. Your recycling should be collected within 24 hours of your phone call.

**How do I find out my recycling collection day?** Recycling days should remain the same for all customers. If your collection day is ever scheduled to change, you will be notified in advance. If you are unsure of your collection day, consult the automated garbage/recycling services map in this brochure, log on to [www.brgov.com](http://www.brgov.com) and click on the Automated Garbage/Recycling Services button or call The Recycling Foundation at 225.925.3442.

**What happens if I place items in the cart that aren't accepted in the recycling program?** You will not receive recycling service that week. You will receive an "OOPS" card with notification of the incorrect items.

**What if my cart is lost, damaged or stolen?** Write your recycling cart serial number on a card and keep in a safe place. If your cart is stolen you must first file a police report and will need your serial number to file the report. Then call The Recycling Foundation at 225.925.3442 to report a lost, damaged or stolen cart. A first-time replacement is free.

**Will my recycling be picked up on holidays?** Collection takes place on all holidays except Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day. The makeup schedule will be printed in The Advocate the week prior to the holiday.



# Recycling Cart Smart Q&A (continued)

## Is there a special service for disabled persons?

Call **925.3442** to request special door step service if you are disabled.

## Why change my recycling container?

- The new carts hold more recyclables so less material will go to the landfill.
- Recycling is easier because all materials go in the cart together
- The wheeled carts are easy to move around.
- The lid keeps out rain, pets, and pests.
- Automated collection is safer and more efficient.

## Why should I recycle?

- Recycling reduces landfilled materials and conserves resources.
- Recycling decreases litter in your neighborhood.
- Recycling turns materials that would otherwise become waste into valuable resources.

## How can I dispose of recyclables if I live in an apartment?

The City-Parish, in partnership with The Recycling Foundation and ExxonMobil ExC!TE volunteers, operates a community recycling drop-off every month to supplement and enhance the curbside effort. All items acceptable in the curbside program may be taken to the drop-off. No paint, medical waste or household hazardous waste is accepted.

**Who:** Apartment tenants and small businesses.

**When:** The third Saturday of every month between 8:00 a.m. & noon.

**Where:** The parking lot of the Louisiana Department of Insurance Office of Receivership at 6945 Florida Blvd. on the corner of Florida and Donmoor.

## How do I dispose of non-hazardous medical equipment?

Medical equipment and supplies, eyeglasses, and hearing aids are also collected at the community recycling drop-off discussed above.

## How do I dispose of computers and electrical equipment?

Computers, printers, printer cartridges and other e-waste (no TVs or stereos) can be dropped off for recycling at the Capital Area Corporate Recycling Council (CACRC) office at 800 St. Phillip Street in Baton Rouge between 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Consult [www.cacrc.com](http://www.cacrc.com) for more information or call **225.379.3577**.

## How do I recycle Christmas trees?

Christmas trees are collected curbside as well as at drop-off sites each year in January. Trees are used for coastal restoration and community beautification.

## What is the Red Stick Free-Use Network?

The Red Stick Free-Use Network (RSFN) of Greater Baton Rouge is a free website to list furniture, clothes, appliances, computers, toys, a pile of dirt, plants, books, used moving boxes and anything in-between. The goal is to reduce waste by connecting people who would otherwise throw away unwanted items when others are seeking those same items. No item is too big or too small, but since this is a free-use list, all items must be 100% free. Log on to [www.redstickfree.com](http://www.redstickfree.com)

## How do I dispose of Household Hazardous Waste (HHW)?

**Do not place HHW such as paint or motor oil inside your recycling cart or your garbage cart.** Many products commonly found in the home contain ingredients that are harmful when disposed of improperly. These products are considered hazardous waste and can pollute our land and water. Please don't dump these items in the trash, down the drain, or on the ground, as they can cause serious air, water, and ground pollution. Instead, follow the tips below to safely dispose of everyday household chemicals.

**Annual Collection:** Every Spring, the Dow Chemical Co., the City-Parish, DEQ, ExxonMobil ExC!TE and other community volunteers operate a collection site to accept and safely dispose of parish residents' hazardous products. Call **225.389.5194** for more information or go to [www.brgov.com/dept/recycle](http://www.brgov.com/dept/recycle).

**Year-Round Paint Disposal Option:** Empty or dried-out latex paint cans may go in the garbage cart. For cans less than 1/4 full of paint, open lid, mix with kitty litter and let paint dry. Save cans more than 1/4 full for the annual household hazardous waste collection day or donate to the following organizations:

Big Buddy Program, **225.388.9737**

Habitat For Humanity, **225.355.1895** (unopened cans only)

Salvation Army, **225.355.4483** (unopened cans only)

**Auto Batteries and Oil:** Many area auto service centers accept oil and auto batteries. See list in this publication.

**Propane Gas Cylinders:** Liquefied petroleum gas cylinders such as propane tanks that hold between 4 and 40 pounds (approximately 1 gal. to 10 gal.) that are empty can be recycled by taking them to dealers who sell propane in the area. Smaller cylinders holding less than 4 pounds that are empty can be placed in your regular garbage cart with other household trash. For more information on disposal call **225.925.4895**.

Consult [www.brgov.com/dept/recycle](http://www.brgov.com/dept/recycle) for the details of the annual Household Hazardous Waste collection days and more details on proper use and disposal options for household hazardous waste



When we reduce energy usage, we also reduce emissions of greenhouse gases such as carbon dioxide and methane. In 2005, recycling in East Baton Rouge Parish prevented the release of about 100,000 metric tons of carbon equivalent greenhouse gases. This is the same as taking 73,000 cars off the road worldwide.



# Recycling Cart Delivery Schedule and Implementation Plan

**Phase 1** - Begins July 31, 2006, and will last approximately 3 months. The green/red bins of residents who currently recycle will be replaced with 64-gallon recycling carts.

**Phase 2** - Begins upon completion of Phase 1 and will last approximately 3 months. In Phase 2, carts will be delivered to residents who don't currently recycle but who would like to start, as well as to any residents who recycle with green or red bins but were missed in Phase 1. To have a cart delivered, a resident who does not currently recycle with a green or red bin should call The Recycling Foundation at **225.925.3442**, or sign up online at [www.brgov.com/dept/recycle](http://www.brgov.com/dept/recycle). Delivery of the cart will not take place until the completion of Phase 1.

**Phase 3** - Ongoing maintenance, exchange, and new cart orders.

## Garbage Cart Smart Recap

**What if I don't follow the collection guidelines when setting out my garbage and trash?** You will not receive service and will be given an OOPS card. Because of the new automated system, cart lids must be firmly closed and only cart contents will be collected. Please review the attached curbside set-out guide in this brochure and follow it closely when setting out garbage and trash. The set-out graphic is also on the lid of your garbage cart.



**What is the number stamped on my cart?** Each address has a cart "assigned" to it, indicated by the serial number stamped on your cart. Make sure to keep a copy of the serial number stamped on your garbage and recycling cart in a safe place in case you need to call in for repairs or to replace a stolen cart.

**What happens if my family moves?** The cart belongs to the City-Parish and must remain at your former residence.

**What if I don't know my garbage/trash/bulky recyclables collection day?** Refer to the map in this brochure, log onto [www.brgov.com](http://www.brgov.com), solid waste services or call Allied Waste Services at **225.778.3800**.

**What should I do if the garbage truck misses my regular collection?** Call **311** or **225.389.3090** to report the missed pickup the first thing the following morning. Please make sure that your garbage cart is at the curb and clear of any parked vehicles the night before, or by 5:00 a.m. on your collection day.

**How do I dispose of medical waste?** Residents should contact a medical waste disposal company to arrange for collection or possible mail-in service. Residents may also pack alcohol pads and needles in an empty bleach bottle, cap it and seal with durable tape, then dispose of it in the garbage cart.

**What if my cart is stolen, damaged or destroyed?** The wheeled cart is the property of the City-Parish, and must not be painted, abused, mutilated, altered or modified in any way. If the cart is damaged or stolen, the following policy applies: if the damage is your fault, you will be required to pay for a replacement. For example, any cart that is destroyed by hot ashes or coals shall be the responsibility of the customer, and it will be replaced at the homeowner's expense. If the collection contractor damages your cart, it will be replaced at no charge. Stolen carts must be reported to the police department, and you will need your serial number to do so. Call **311** or **225.389.3090** for further instructions on cart replacement.

**What if my garbage cart is too large or too small?** Initially each household is given a 96-gallon garbage cart, which should provide adequate capacity for the average household. Should you desire less capacity, you may call **311** or **225.389.3090** to exchange your cart for a 48-gallon or 68-gallon size. Only one no-cost exchange will be allowed. There will be a \$60.00 charge for a second-time exchange. If you need more capacity, you may purchase an additional cart for \$60.00.

**May I continue to use my old cart or garbage can?** No. The wheeled carts provided by the City-Parish are specifically designed to withstand the forces of the mechanical gripper and vehicle-lifting arm. For this reason, the contractor will only pick up the new City-Parish stamped automated carts. Old, empty garbage cans should be marked with an "X" for collection.

**Is there a special service for disabled persons?** Call **311** or **225.389.3090** to request special door step service if you are disabled.

Recycling has grown. Since 1989, our residential and commercial recycling programs have recycled 1,913,683 tons of material. In 1989, our first year, we recycled 7,011 tons or 2 percent of our total waste stream. In 2005 we recycled 245,000 tons or 36.7 percent of our total waste stream.

# Recycling Is Working For Baton Rouge!

## 2005 Landfill Diversion\*

Material	Commercial Tons	Residential Tons	Combined Tons
Batteries	3,371	5,036	8,407
Computers	290	32	322
Glass	0	1,427	1,427
Grease	49	0	49
Metal**	24,238	25,434	49,672
Motor Oil/Filters	8,879	1,635	10,514
Re-use	1,024	432	1,456
Paper	16,843	12,240	29,083
Plastic	310	1,022	1,332
Tires	1,565	6,256	7,821
White Goods	0	747	747
Organic Waste***	45,323	89,108	134,431
Miscellaneous****	189	50	239
<b>Total Recycled</b>	<b>102,081</b>	<b>143,419</b>	<b>245,500</b>
<b>Landfilled</b>	<b>200,688</b>	<b>221,374</b>	<b>422,062</b>
<b>Total Recycled &amp; Landfilled</b>	<b>302,769</b>	<b>364,793</b>	<b>667,562</b>
<b>Percent Recycled</b>	<b>33.72%</b>	<b>39.32%</b>	<b>36.78%</b>
<b>Other Recycled Materials</b>			
Asphalt	38,000		
Concrete	21,541		
<b>Total Other Materials</b>	<b>59,541</b>		
<b>Total Landfill Diversion</b>	<b>245,500</b>		
<b>Total Tonnage Recycled in East Baton Rouge Parish</b>	<b>305,041</b>		

\* Of the total tonnage recycled in our parish, 12,000 tons were collected curbside.

\*\* Aluminum, ferrous, non-ferrous and mixed metals

\*\*\* Wood, grass, leaves, compost

\*\*\*\* Aseptic, building equipment, fluorescent lights, print cartridges, medical equipment, fixer/developer, other

## Where To Recycle In Baton Rouge

Call businesses to get details on the items below, as items and locations may change.

### Aluminum, metals

Contractors Salvage | 357.5168  
Louisiana Scrap Metals | 389.1108

Aluminum, steel cans, cardboard, magazines, catalogs, newspaper, office paper, scrap paper, plastics #1-#7, glass  
Recycling Foundation | 925.3442

Aluminum, steel cans, metals  
Southern Scrap Express Recycling | 355.4453

Aluminum cans, building materials, cell phones, printer cartridges  
Habitat For Humanity | 355.1895

Cardboard  
Innovative Waste Systems | 775.2350

Cardboard, magazines, catalogs, newspaper, office paper  
SP Recycling | 926.6397

Cell phones, computers  
CACRC | 379.3577

### Lead-acid batteries

Exide Technologies | 296.0284  
Interstate Batteries | 295.3711  
Wal-Mart Tire & Lube | multiple locations

Lead-acid batteries, oil  
Auto Zone | multiple locations  
Rapid Lube & Tune-Up | 767.5754  
Wholesale Battery | 926.4693

Lead-acid batteries, oil, antifreeze  
Pep Boys | 927.6233

Lead-acid batteries, oil, oil filters  
Simple Simon Car Care | 927.2311

Oil, antifreeze  
Express Care Automotives | 922.9299

Pallets, woody waste  
Natural Resource Recovery | 752.1488  
Ronaldson Field Landfill | 774.5000

Plastic bags  
Albertson's | multiple locations  
Winn-Dixie Supermarkets | multiple locations

### Printer cartridges

Laser Extensions | 929.9905  
Office Depot | multiple locations  
Quave Office Supplies | 667.2552

Tires  
Environmental Industries | 344.8298

Tires, white goods (large appliances)  
North Landfill | 389.4813

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North Landfill | 389.4813  
Southern Scrap Shredder Division | 387.0498



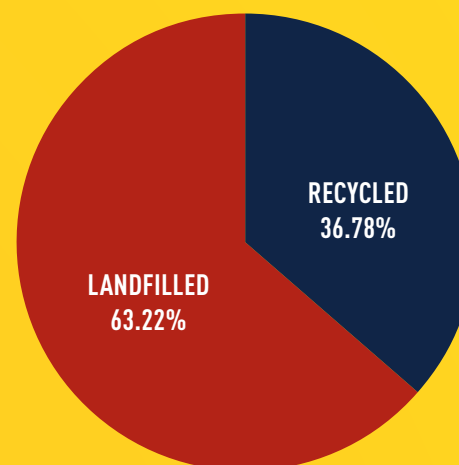
### Yard Smart, Earth Wise

By simply using a few techniques, you can greatly impact our city's waste reduction. Learn to grasscycle, mulch and compost for a yard smart, earth wise home.

**Grasscycling** - leave your grass clippings on your lawn when mowing.

**Mulching** - layer grass, chopped leaves and small yard trimmings around trees and garden plants.

**Composting** - allow yard waste and other organic materials to decompose in piles in your backyard or in an Earth Machine compost bin. For details of how to compost and the annual Earth Machine Fall compost bin sale, visit [www.brgov.com](http://www.brgov.com).



### HELP INCREASE LANDFILL DIVERSION BY RECYCLING.

**New materials collected:**  
Plastics marked #1-7 inside triple arrow recycling symbol (see exceptions listed in the chart on page 3) and all sizes of folded, flattened cardboard.

# For More Information

**East Baton Rouge Parish Recycling Office Department of Public Works**  
805 St. Louis Street | Baton Rouge, LA 70802 | [www.brgov.com/dept/recycle](http://www.brgov.com/dept/recycle)



Use this information to  
make recycling easier!

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## Important Numbers & Addresses

The Recycling Foundation, Inc. | 225.925.3442  
Allied Waste Services | 225.778.3800  
EBRP Public Works | 225.389.3158  
EBRP Service Fee Business Department | 225.389.5378 (questions about your bill)  
EBRP North Landfill | 225.389.4813  
Capital Area Corporate Recycling Council | 225.379.3577 (electronics recycling)  
Nature's Best Organics/Pecue Wood Recycling Facility  
9544 Pecue Lane | 225.774.1446  
City-parish recycled wood wastes: soil mixes and mulch products available for purchase  
Ronaldson Field Landfill  
225.774.5000 | Woody waste recycling, construction and demolition debris

## The 3-Step Process

Recycled materials are made into many new products such as cardboard from mixed paper, park benches and playground equipment from milk jugs and carpet and fleece clothing from plastic bottles. Here's how the process works:

**1 Home** | Recycling is easier than ever with single stream. All recyclables go into one wheeled cart and then become resources for new products.



**2 Collection** | Compacting rearloaders collect recyclables and transport the materials to the state-of-the-art Recycling Foundation single-stream processing facility on Tom Drive.

**3 Processing** | Automation at the materials recovery facility (MRF) reduces the amount of sorting that you do at the curb. A system of conveyor belts, screens, electromagnets and blasts of air separate paper from plastics, glass and other materials. Sorted bales and bins of materials are then shipped to processing facilities for manufacture into new products.

