



Who is helping our environment?

- All cities we service in St. Tammany Parish except Pearl River and Lacombe.
- Some subdivisions (have contract for recycle)
- Participation: 30-45%
- CES is dedicated to making sure your recycled materials don't end up in the landfill. It says so right on our contracts!

Where does our recycling go?

Your house -> our trucks -> our transfer station (loaded into 18 wheelers) -> The Recycle Foundation in Baton Rouge -> dispersed around the country to different recycling facilities around the country for processing.

Where can I buy products made from recycled goods?

Many stores, such as grocery stores, have goods that are packaged in recycled materials. These items are marked as such. Unfortunately, there is not a viable local industry to produce large amounts of recycled goods for consumer use.

Why is recycling not as prominent as one would expect?

History Lesson

In the late 90's and early 2000's garbage companies would actually get paid through rebates to collect recyclable goods. Today it costs \$100 a ton to bring to a processing center. It only costs \$30 per ton to put it in a landfill. China is the #1 buyer of recycled plastics. China recently stopped buying plastic from us.

What can be recycled?

- **Cardboard (no exceptions)**
- **Plastics numbered 1-5 and 7**
 - Water bottles
 - Soft drink and sports drink bottles
 - Squeezable plastic bottles
 - Milk, Juice, and water jugs
 - Yogurt, pudding, fruit cup and margarine plastic tubs
 - Laundry detergent bottles
 - Buckets, baskets, bins
 - Prescription bottles (must have personal information removed)
- **Glass (all colors)**
- **Aluminum food and beverage containers**
- **Steel food and beverage containers**
- **Tin food and beverage containers**
- **Paper**
 - Mixed office paper
 - Colored paper
 - Notebook paper
 - Scratch paper
 - Post-it notes
 - Magazines/catalogs
 - Telephone books
 - Newspapers
 - Construction paper
 - Art paper
 - Junk mail
 - File folders
 - Envelopes (windowed or not)
 - Paperboard boxes
 - Wrapping Paper
 - Shredded paper

What items are not recyclable?

- Polystyrene including Styrofoam and other plastics marked #6
- Paperback or hardbound books
- Bathroom waste such as toilet paper and paper towels
- Food wrappers such as candy wrappers
- Bags and film such as grocery, ziplock, cereal bags
- Light bulbs
- Hazardous wastes
- Alkaline batteries and plastic items that contain batteries
- Clothing and other textiles
- Electronic Waste
- Tissue paper
- Waxed paper cartons