Program Guidelines

Place your recyclables in the appropriate containers at the convenience center or transfer station... paper recyclables go into the paper container; cardboard goes into the cardboard collection container; plastic, glass, and metal containers go into the commingled materials container.

Keep paper recyclables separate from container materials such as glass, metals, and plastics... the materials must be kept separate for delivery to the processor.

Try to keep paper dry...store it in a sheltered location before recycling and protect it from the rain if necessary. Do not use plastic bags.

Only the items listed as recyclable in this brochure can be placed in the recycling containers...non-recyclable materials must not be included with recyclable materials. Ask the site attendant or call VPPSA administration if you have questions. Non-recyclables in the containers add to the cost your community pays for your recycling program.

Plastic #1 & #2 bottles and jugs are the only plastics collected in this program... motor oil bottles, other automotive fluid bottles, pesticide bottles, and Styrofoam products are not accepted.

PLASTIC BAGS ARE NOT RECYCLABLE THROUGH THIS PROGRAM!
Please check with your local grocery store for plastic bag recycling opportunities.

Please rinse food residue from recyclable items before bringing them to VPPSA for recycling...large amounts of food residue will reduce the recyclability of the items.

Don’t put garbage, scrap metal, or yard waste in the recycling containers...this program is for household recyclables only.

Recycling Locations & Information

Essex County
Bray’s Fork - Tidewater Trail, Rt. 17
Center Cross - Byrds Bridge Rd., Rt. 604
Champlain - St. Mathews Church Rd., Rt. 724
Transfer Station - Poor House Rd., Rt. 704

King & Queen County
Dahlgren - Dahlgren Rd., Rt. 692
Mascot - Lombardy Rd., Rt. 603
Owenton - Lynville Rd., Rt. 640
Travellers Road - Travellers Rd., Rt. 658

King William County
Epworth - Epworth Rd., Rt. 610
Landfill - King William Rd., Rt. 30
VFW Road - 1091 VFW Rd., Rt. 636
Transfer Station - Recycle Rd., Rt. 30

Mathews County
Transfer Station & Convenience Center- Rt. 14

Middlesex County
Deltaville - Recycle Dr., Rt. 33
Hartfield - Wood Brothers Rd., Rt. 33
Jamaica - Waterview Rd., Rt. 640
Transfer Station - Faraway Rd., Rt. 705

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Recyclable Items

#1 and #2 Plastic Bottles and Jugs
Water and drink bottles; shampoo, soap, and detergent bottles.
Please empty liquids and rinse out food residue. Remove and throw away lids.

Mixed Paper
magazines, junk mail, catalogs, telephone books, paperback books, office paper, cards, stationary, paper grocery bags, school paper, computer paper, single layer paperboard such as cereal and tissue boxes, newspapers and advertising inserts.

Glass Bottles and Jars
All types and colors of glass bottles and jars.
Please empty liquids and rinse out food residue. Remove lids - Metal lids can be recycled; Plastic lids should be thrown away.

Corrugated Cardboard
Flattened corrugated cardboard boxes, clean and dry, may be placed in the designated cardboard collection container.

Metal Cans
Steel and aluminum food and beverage cans.
Please empty liquids and rinse out food residue. Metal lids can be recycled.

Where does the recycling go?
Recycling collected at VPPSA sites goes to recycling processors. The container recyclables are delivered to a processor that separates the commingled materials through a series of sorting equipment in a facility known as a Materials Recovery Facility (MRF). The end results are individual bales of aluminum, plastic, and steel cans. These material bales are then shipped to markets where they are sold to manufacturers who, in turn, use them to make new products. The paper and cardboard recyclables are delivered directly to regional paper mills. This material is used to make a variety of paper products such as packaging material and toilet paper.

These items are NOT ACCEPTED for recycling:
- Plastic Bags—Grocery, Dry Cleaning, or Garbage, Sandwich Bags, Plastic Wrap
- Greasy Paper (pizza boxes)
- Wax–covered fiber (milk cartons & juice boxes, candy wrappers, some packing paper)
- Napkins, Paper Towels, Tissues
- Twine, String or Wire
- Ceramic Dishes or Ovenware
- Plate Glass (window panes, mirrors)
- Light Bulbs: Fluorescent and Regular
- Needles or Other Medical Waste
- Clothes Hangers, Lawn Chair Frames, Pots & Pans, or Other Scrap Metal
- Paint Cans and Aerosol Cans
- Plastic containers or plastics labeled #3 - #7
- Any plastic Pesticide, Poison, or Automotive Product Containers
- Foam Plastic Products—“Styrofoam®” Cups, Plates or Packing Materials
- Diapers, Other Personal Care Products

Please don’t place these items in the recycling containers. They are considered contaminants and can actually increase the cost of the program!

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