



What Items Can I Put in my City of Bowie Recycling Cart?



**Metal
cans**



**Plastic food &
beverage
containers &
other plastics
with #1-5 & #7**



**Glass bottles
& jars**



**Paper cardboard
dairy & juice
containers**



**Flattened
cardboard &
paperboard**



Paper

**Questions?
Call the City of Bowie
Public Works Department
at 301-809-2344.**

DO NOT INCLUDE: plastic bags, food waste, or Styrofoam.



Items below are not accepted with residential recycling



Plastic bags

No grocery bags, trash bags or sheet plastic.

Due to a change in policy at the facility where the City brings its recycling, plastic bags can no longer be accepted with residential recycling. Local stores, like Best Buy, Giant Home Depot, Kohl's, Lowe's, Macy's, Mom's Organic Market, Safeway, Target, and Walmart accept plastic bags for recycling. Visit www.plasticfilmrecycling.org for more info on where to recycle plastic bags and sheeting.

Glass

No drinking glasses, mirrors, dishes or cookware.

These items can be disposed of with regular trash or if they are usable, consider donating them to a local charity.

Polystyrene & Styrofoam

No Polystyrene foam cups or containers, Styrofoam, or packing "peanuts".

These items may be disposed of with regular trash. Rigid Styrofoam may be dropped off for recycling at the City's annual Shredding/Styrofoam Recycling Event, held usually in the Spring.

Light bulbs

No light bulbs.

Incandescent light bulbs can be disposed of with regular trash. Compact Fluorescent Bulbs (CFLs) contain trace amounts of mercury and should be disposed of at Home Depot or Lowe's or at the County's Hazardous Waste Facility in Upper Marlboro.

Paint / chemicals

No paint, motor oil or chemical cans or bottles.

Empty latex paint cans can be put out with regular trash. Paint, motor oil, and chemical cans and bottles can also be brought to the County's Hazardous Waste Facility in Upper Marlboro and need not be empty.

Other plastic items

No plastic utensils, hangers, buckets, plant containers, toys, lawn furniture.

These items may be disposed of with regular trash. If plastic toys and furniture are still usable, consider donating them or offering them on Bowie Freecycle (https://groups.yahoo.com/neo/groups/bowie_freecycle). Plastic plant containers can be recycled at Lowe's and Home Depot and other garden centers.

Food waste

No food waste.

Dispose of food waste in regular trash or consider making a compost pile.