


A purple recycling bin with a white recycling symbol on the front. The bin is overflowing with various items including a green glass bottle, a blue plastic bottle, and stacks of newspapers.

*Did you know?*  
**65%** of the trash you  
throw away can be recycled.

A large, stylized recycling symbol composed of three arrows forming a triangle.

The good news is your community *already* has a recycling program!  
Newspaper, cardboard, plastic containers #1-#7, aluminum, steel and tin containers,  
mixed paper, glass bottles and containers can all go into the same container!

Want to participate? **Already participating but want to increase your recycling?**  
Call Best Trash (281) 313-2378 for details and to learn your pick up schedule. Or visit us  
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## Fact Sheet: Did You Know

- On average, each one of us produces 4.4 pounds of solid waste each day. This adds up to almost a ton of trash per person, per year.
- It takes 80-100 years for an aluminum can to decompose (break down) in a landfill.
- Glass takes over 1,000,000 (one million) years to decompose in a landfill.
- Recycling 1 ton of paper saves 17 mature trees, 7,000 gallons of water, 3 cubic yards of landfill space, 2 barrels of oil, and 4,100 kilowatt-hours of electricity — enough energy to power the average American home for five months.
- Recycling one aluminum can saves enough energy to run a 100-watt bulb for 20 hours, a computer for 3 hours, or a TV for 2 hours.
- The 36 billion aluminum cans landfilled last year had a scrap value of more than \$600 million. (Some day we'll be mining our landfills for the resources we've buried.)
- Out of every \$10 spent buying things, \$1 (10%) goes for packaging that is thrown away. Packaging represents about 65% of household trash.
- Aluminum cans can be recycled into soda cans, pie plates, license plates, thumbtacks, aluminum foil, and many other items.
- Glass can be recycled into jars, jewelry, bottles, dishes, drinking glasses, coffee mugs and many other items.
- PET plastic can be recycled into clothing, fiberfill for sleeping bags, toys, stuffed animals, rulers and more.
- A used aluminum can is recycled and back on the grocery shelf as a new can, in as little as 60 days. That's closed loop recycling at its finest!



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