

CHAPTER 107

COLLECTION OF RECYCLABLE MATERIAL

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107.01 FINDINGS. The collection, marketing and processing for future use of recyclable materials are hereby deemed to be in the best interest of the City and a public benefit to the residents and citizens.

107.02 DEFINITIONS. For use in this chapter, the following terms are defined:

1. "Aluminum cans" means empty all-aluminum beverage and food containers; except those aluminum beverage cans returned by the resident for redemption at a can and bottle redemption center.
2. "Bimetal containers" means empty beverage or food containers consisting of sides and bottom and an aluminum top.
3. "Boxboard" means cardboard containers constructed in a non-fluted manner; i.e., cereal and shoeboxes. Expressly excluded is treated boxboard which includes pop and beer package containers.
4. "Corrugated paper" means paperboard or cardboard boxes constructed in a fluted manner. Expressly excluded is corrugated paper which has become soiled.
5. "Glass containers" means bottles and jars made of flint, green or amber glass, except those glass jars returned by the resident for redemption at a can and bottle redemption center. Expressly excluded are non-container glass, blue glass, and jars made exclusively from high density polyethylene.
6. "Magazines" means printed material printed on slick or glossy paper containing contaminants not found in newsprint.
7. "Mixed paper" means any combination of junk mail, magazines, catalogs, typing, computer or notebook style paper, boxboard and paper bags. Expressly excluded are materials which have been soiled.

8. "Newspaper" means paper of the type commonly referred to as newsprint and distributed at fixed intervals. Expressly excluded are newspapers which have been soiled.

9. "Polyethylene Terephthalate (PET) containers" means plastic soda bottles or other containers composed of the polymer PET.

10. "Recyclable material" means any used material having an economic value in the secondary materials market and includes aluminum and tin cans and articles, bimetal cans, boxboard, glass containers, corrugated paper, magazines, computer printout paper, computer tab cards, office paper, steel cans, newspaper, paper products not chemically coated, plastic polyethylene terephthalate (PET) bottles, plastic high density polyethylene (HDPE) containers, old useable clothes, and other materials designated by the City as having value.

11. "Steel cans" means empty, all-steel food and beverage containers.

12. "Tin cans" means empty, all-tin food and beverage containers.

107.03 RECYCLABLE MATERIAL SEPARATED. Owners and occupants of residential units shall separate recyclable materials from other residential waste in order that recyclable materials may be collected separately from residential waste.

107.04 COLLECTION OF RECYCLABLE MATERIAL. The City may, by contract or resolution or in any manner deemed necessary for the health, safety and welfare of the City's citizens, provide for the collection, disposal and marketing of all recyclable materials from residences, multiple dwellings, places of business and public buildings at the expense of the City or as a service fee accompanying other City-provided utility services.

107.05 COLLECTION SERVICE. The collection of recyclable materials at residences, which include single-family dwellings and any multiple family dwellings up to and including two (2) separate dwelling units within the City limits, shall be conducted only by the City or its duly authorized and licensed agents. Collection for multiple family residential units, commercial or industrial customers shall be performed only by collectors licensed by the City. Collection of recyclable materials shall be performed under the provisions of Chapter 106 of this Code of Ordinances.

107.06 PREPARATION OF RECYCLABLES. Recyclable materials shall be prepared as follows:

1. Glass bottles and jars shall be rinsed of all food and beverage residue with lids removed and discarded; labels and neck rings may remain.
2. Aluminum, tin, bimetal and steel cans and containers shall be rinsed of all food and beverage residue with lids removed and discarded. Labels may remain.
3. Plastic PET and HDPE containers shall be rinsed of all residue with lids removed and discarded. Labels may remain.
4. Newspapers shall be bundled together or placed inside a paper bag or sack, but not tied.
5. Mixed paper shall be bundled and/or placed inside a paper bag.
6. Cardboard and corrugated paper shall be broken down or flattened and all contents removed.
7. Old usable clothing shall be clean and dry with all buttons and zippers remaining on the clothes.

107.07 PLACEMENT OF RECYCLABLES. Recyclable materials shall be placed for collection as follows:

1. Container. Recyclables must be placed in recycling containers provided by the City. Said recycling containers will be provided for the use of the owner or occupant of each residential property and shall remain at all times the property of the City.
2. Placement. Recyclable materials shall be placed in the recycling container with newspapers on the bottom, mixed paper and all other recyclable paper products on top, and all other recyclable materials in the middle.

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