



# CHESTER RECYCLER

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## RECYCLING 101: **EVERYTHING** YOU NEED TO KNOW TO RECYCLE RIGHT

Recycling is one of the easiest ways to reduce the amount of waste sent to landfills and help fight climate change. But with the ever-growing number of waste items handled by the average resident daily, knowing how to sort and where to place each material can be daunting. To help make sorting more intuitive, we share below three rules that will ensure everything in your recycling bin finds a second life.



### RULE 1

Recycle bottles, cans, glass, paper and cardboard. Items should be placed clean and dry in your recycling.



### RULE 2

Keep food and liquid out of your recycling cart. They contaminate materials and make them unsuitable for recycling.



### RULE 3

Never place plastic bags in your recycling cart or bag your recyclables. Plastic bags are not accepted for recycling.

## WISHCYCLING & THE DANGER OF CONTAMINATION

“Wishcycling” or throwing non-recyclable materials in the recycling cart in the hopes they can be recycled may seem like a harmless and well-meaning habit, but it can lead to the whole batch of recyclables being thrown out as trash. It’s important to keep trash and recyclables separated and, when in doubt – throw it out.

Recycling starts with proper sorting. Please remember to sort plastic materials by shape: bottles, jars, jugs, and tubs are generally accepted. Empty glass items, tin, aluminum and steel cans are also good to go. Make sure to always give it a good wipe to remove food residue or any liquid before placing them in your recycling cart. Paper and cardboard? Sure, but only if there are not dirty or wet. Visit [wm.com/recycle-right](http://wm.com/recycle-right) to learn more.





## Anatomy of the Perfect Cart Placement

**Lid.** Closed tightly to avoid litter, snow, and to facilitate pickup.

1

**Handle.** Facing your house to ease collection.

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**Carts.** Placed at least 3 feet apart from other objects or carts.

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**Wheels.** Should be against the curb or edge of the roadway before your scheduled collection or by 6 a.m.

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**Bottom.** Always placed on a flat and unobstructed surface.

### Quick In & Quick Out: Setting Your Carts for Curbside Collection

While it may seem frivolous, how and where you place your carts on pickup day makes a big difference. Improper cart placement can result in property damage, injury, or your cart being skipped over.

To ensure you receive the best possible service and facilitate curbside collection for drivers, we recommend following the instructions above on proper cart placement. These tips will enhance your service experience and ensure a quick, efficient, and safe curbside collection every time. Need to check your service schedule or ETA? Register or log in to your account at [wm.com/login](http://wm.com/login).



### HOLIDAY REMINDER

WM will provide curbside collections on July 4, Independence Day. No operational delays are expected during that week for residents of Chester, Quincy, or Plumas County. You can manage your WM account or track your curbside collection at [wm.com/login](http://wm.com/login).