

# THE TOWN OF LA PLATA RECYCLES!

**The Town's recycling day is Wednesday.**



If you do not have a recycling container, you may get one by contacting Town Hall between the hours of 9:00am - 4:00pm Monday – Friday at (301) 934-8421.

Please utilize the recycling service offered by the Town. The more waste diverted away from the landfill extends the life of the landfill, saves the Town and ratepayers money; and it also diverts recyclable goods from the landfill to be reused, which is good for the environment. The solid waste services offered by the Town of La Plata are one of the highest rated services by our citizens. Our sanitation staff provides timely and responsive service for an essential municipal service. The Town offers recycling services through a contract with Southern Maryland Recycling.

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Recycling can mean more than bringing your paper, plastic and metal items out for curbside pickup. Recycling also includes minimizing waste by:

- Buying products made from recycled materials
- Reducing the amount of items we buy
- Reusing what we can and sharing with others

*Check the Town of La Plata website for more information by visiting [www.townoflaplata.org](http://www.townoflaplata.org)*

## **Here a few tips that will help you cut down on waste:**

- Purchase paper and other items for your home and office that are made with post-consumer recycled content and packaged in recyclable materials
- Choose products with less packaging
- Buy large recyclable containers of beverages instead of individual serving-size containers. Also, drink more tap water
- Bring your own reusable bags when you go shopping
- Donate old clothing to thrift stores, homeless shelters and other community services
- Donate old blankets and towels to animal shelters
- Compost fruit, vegetable, and yard waste in your backyard



## CO-MINGLED RECYCLABLES AND MIXED RESIDENTIAL PAPER SPECIFICATIONS

### Materials Accepted:

- ✓ Aluminum food and beverage containers
- ✓ Glass food and beverage containers - brown, clear, or green
- ✓ Ferrous (Iron) cans
- ✓ PET plastic containers with the symbol #1 - narrow neck containers only
- ✓ HDPE - natural plastic containers with the symbol #2 - narrow neck containers only (milk and water bottles)
- ✓ HDPE pigmented plastic containers with the symbol #2 - narrow neck containers only (detergent, shampoo, bleach bottles, etc. without caps)
- ✓ Plastics with symbols #3, #4, #5, #6, #7 - narrow and screw top containers

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*Household batteries can be dropped off at La Plata Town Hall for recycling*

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### Fibers Accepted:

- ✓ Newsprint
- ✓ Old corrugated cardboard
- ✓ Magazines
- ✓ Catalogs
- ✓ Cereal boxes
- ✓ Telephone books
- ✓ Printer paper
- ✓ Copier paper
- ✓ Mail
- ✓ All other office paper without wax liners

### Materials Not Accepted:

- ⊗ Lead acid batteries
- ⊗ Dry cell batteries
- ⊗ Microwave trays
- ⊗ Mirrors
- ⊗ Window or auto glass
- ⊗ Light bulbs
- ⊗ Ceramics
- ⊗ Porcelain
- ⊗ Plastics unnumbered
- ⊗ Plastic bags
- ⊗ Coat hangers
- ⊗ Glass cookware/bake ware
- ⊗ Household items like cooking pots, toasters, etc.

All glass containers, tin cans, bi-metal cans, aerosol cans, and plastic containers must be empty and free of metal caps and rings and contain less than 5% food debris.

Mixed Residential Paper - Mixed Residential Paper consists of a mixture of various qualities of paper not limited as to type of fiber content, with less than 2% of prohibited materials and 10% out throws.

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With an environmentally conscious nation, people recognize the importance of recycling. The world's resources will be depleted if there is not a strong effort made to reuse items. It is essential that residential households continue to recycle!

**THANK YOU FOR RECYCLING!**