



Recycling: Simple as 1-2-3

Our Values

Safe

We protect the livelihoods of our colleagues and communities.

Committed to Serve

We go above and beyond to exceed our customers' expectations.

Environmentally Responsible

We take action to improve our environment.

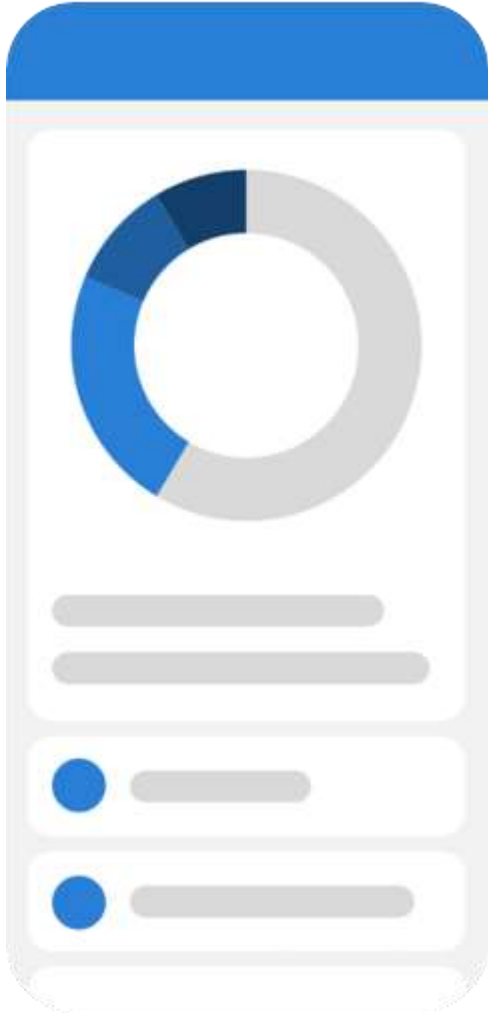
Driven

We deliver results in the right way.

Human-centered

We respect the dignity and unique potential of every person.

About us



At Republic Services, we bring you quick and easy ways to make a difference in our communities. Follow these simple guidelines to become a better recycler.



Know what to throw:

- Cardboard and Paper – flattened cardboard, newspapers, magazines, office paper and common mail.
- Metal Cans – all aluminum and metal beverage and food cans.
- Plastic Bottles & Jugs – food and liquid containers.



Empty. Clean. Dry.

- Keep all recyclables free of food and liquid.
- No Wet Materials.
 - Once cardboard or paper comes into contact with food or liquid, it may no longer be able to be recycled.



Don't bag it:

- Don't Bag or Contain – No bags go in the recycling container and never put recyclables in bags or containers.
- No Connected or Mixed Materials – When two or more materials are connected, like paper envelopes with plastic bubble wrap inside, the items can't be recycled.



Items that should NEVER be placed in your recycling container:

- Plastic Bags or Wrappers
- Styrofoam
- Food
- Electronics & Batteries
- Yard Waste
- Diapers
- Soiled Paper
- Clothing & Shoes
- Tools
- Toys
- Construction Waste
- Medical Items

Recycling Fundamentals

- Proper diversion of recyclable material from household waste streams **always** leads to reductions in the amount of trash being produced by those households as well as reductions in the total amount of community trash being sent to landfills.
- Anecdotal experience indicates that when households properly recycle (bi-weekly), 85% to 90% of households only require one weekly trash pick-up (95-gallon bin).
- The minority of households (10% to 15%) who still generate more than 95 gallons of trash (even though they properly recycle) can get a second trash bin and both trash bins get serviced on the same day.

Recycling Fundamentals

- Even though many people are wary of change, **the majority of people want positive changes** (such as recycle services plus overall reduced costs).
- Those who want recycling and a decrease in fees will get a pleasant surprise.

Recycling Fundamentals

- Republic Services will assist in Education at home and in Schools. Field trips to Republic's Corpus Christi Recycling Facility are enjoyed by many Area schools. Republic owns and operates the closest Single Stream Recycling facility to Port Lavaca.
- Recycle champions and corporate sponsors should also be able to assist the Port Lavaca community with transitional issues including education and support.

Can we accomplish all four of the following goals?

1. Give all residents the opportunity to recycle. **Check**
2. Avoid raising rates. **Check**
3. Decrease costs for the majority of residents who properly recycle and only need once-a-week trash pick-up. **Check**
4. Continue to accommodate the 10% to 15% of residents who still generate more than one 95-gallon container full of trash each week. **Check**

Note: Many larger Municipalities have already successfully adopted one time per week Trash collection with Every other week Recycling collection. Examples include: Victoria, Portland, Corpus Christi, and Rockport

We believe we can accomplish all four goals by doing one simple thing:

- Provide a second trash can at a substantial discounted rate to the 10% to 15% of households who generate more than 95 gallons of trash each week.
- Naturally, we still need to reduce the trash pick-up schedule to once-a-week (both trash cans are serviced on the same day).

Conclusion:

Where do the savings come from?

- All previous financial models for recycling are obsolete because we now have the Calhoun County transfer station.
- Although the drivers are picking up two cans from some households (under the hybrid approach) instead of just one, the trucks and the truck drivers are only making three trips every two weeks instead of four trips.
 - There is also reduced wear and tear on city roads.

Help Us Create a Bright Future

When it comes to recycling, everyone has a part to play. Working together, we can make sure recyclable materials don't end up in our water ways and landfills. At Republic Services, we believe in the preservation of our planet, a cleaner, safer and healthier world where people thrive – not just for today, but for generations to come.

Just one Question. Knowing that Port Lavaca already has one of the lowest residential trash costs per home in the area, How much of a discount below the current rate would it take for Council to make the switch?