



# CURBSIDE RECYCLING

SPSA offers curbside recycling opportunities to residents throughout southeastern Virginia. SPSA first introduced curbside recycling to the region in 1989 in response to a mandate from the state requiring all localities to recycle 25% of the waste collected by the year 1995. Since 1989, the program has steadily grown, and now curbside service is provided to all eligible households in southeastern Virginia.

SPSA's curbside recycling program makes it easy for you to make a difference and protect the environment. The benefits of recycling include preserving natural resources, saving landfill space and reducing pollution, since it takes less energy to manufacture items from recyclables than to use raw materials.

By taking only a few easy steps, you can help make a world of difference. Join in the fight to preserve the environment in southeastern Virginia. Participate in SPSA's curbside recycling program.

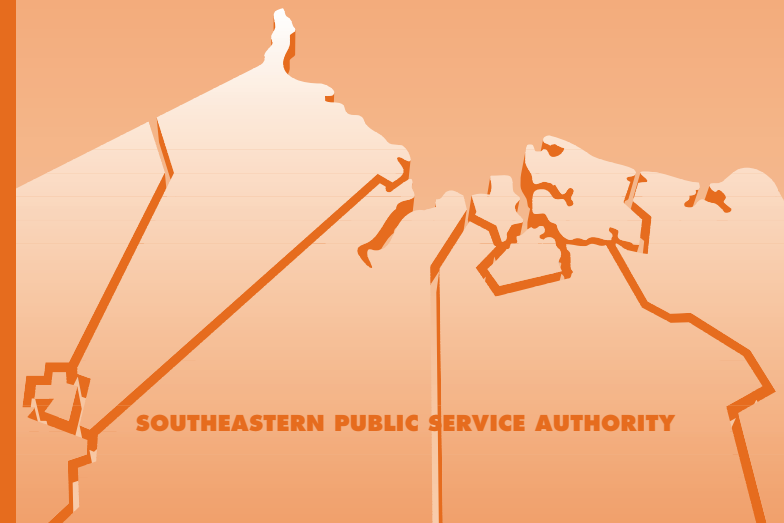


**SOUTHEASTERN PUBLIC SERVICE AUTHORITY**

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Web page: [www.spsa.com](http://www.spsa.com)

*SPSA's mission: To manage and operate safe, cost effective and environmentally responsible solid waste collection, processing and disposal programs and facilities for the mutual benefit of the citizens, businesses, and institutions in the member communities.*

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## HOW TO PARTICIPATE

Curbside recycling is convenient. To participate, just follow these few guidelines:

1. Rinse out bottles and cans.
2. Crush metal cans and plastic jugs. This helps you fit more material in your bin and helps us get more items into our trucks.
3. Place only those items listed below in your bin.
4. Place newspapers in paper grocery bags or tie with a string and place on top of or beside your bin.
5. If your bin is full, use a clear plastic bag, a cardboard box or a bucket to hold the extra items.
6. Have your bin out at the curb by 7:00 a.m. on your pickup day.
7. Bring bin inside as soon as possible after your recyclables are collected. This helps prevent damage to the bin.

A SPSA employee will properly load your recyclables at the curb. To find out if you are eligible for curbside service, call SPSA's Recycling Office at 548-2256. Carts on wheels are available upon request.

## ACCEPTABLE MATERIALS

SPSA collects the following items in the curbside recycling program:

- **Metals:** Beverage and food cans (aluminum and steel), aluminum pie plates and foil.
- **Glass:** Clear, green and brown glass bottles and jars. Remove rings and caps.
- **Paper:** Newspaper only.
- **Plastics:** #1 and #2 bottles such as soft drink, milk, water and detergent bottles.

Items such as cardboard which are not collected through the curbside program may be delivered to one of SPSA's several drop-off centers for recycling.

## COLLECTION SCHEDULE

SPSA collects recyclables every-other-week on a designated pickup day. By using an every-other-week (EOW) schedule, SPSA has been able to expand curbside recycling service to every eligible household in the communities the agency serves while keeping costs down for citizens and continuing to provide efficient service. To receive a copy of SPSA's curbside collection schedule, call the Recycling Office at 548-2256 or visit SPSA's web site at [www.spsa.com](http://www.spsa.com).

### Holiday Schedule

Generally, curbside collection is provided on holidays if your garbage also is collected. However, SPSA does not collect on the Thanksgiving and Christmas Day holidays.

Makeup days usually are scheduled for the same day as your garbage makeup day. For updated information about holiday pickups and makeup days, call SPSA's 24-hour information line at 424-4297.

## COMPLETING THE RECYCLING LOOP

After recyclables have been collected, SPSA's trucks deliver the items to Tidewater Fibre, a local company which distributes the materials to manufacturers. Your items may be converted into new bottles, cans or newspapers or recycled into carpet fibers, lawn chair frames, food packaging or even jigsaw puzzles and plastic "lumber."

**When shopping, complete the recycling process by purchasing products that have been made from recycled materials.**



## OTHER RECYCLING

### OPPORTUNITIES

#### Drop-Off

SPSA has numerous drop-off recycling centers to collect items such as newspaper, glass and cardboard free of charge. Most centers are open 24 hours a day. Check [www.spsa.com](http://www.spsa.com) for the most current listing.

#### Used Oil

Residents may bring used motor oil to selected SPSA facilities to be recycled free of charge.

#### Battery

Car batteries may be delivered to all Transfer Stations or the Refuse Derived Fuel Plant for recycling.

#### Phone Book

When new telephone directories are issued, SPSA collects the old phone books for recycling through the curbside and drop-off recycling programs.

#### Yard Waste

Yard waste such as leaves, grass clippings and tree trimmings are recycled into compost and mulch and then sold to residents and businesses under the trade name "Nature's Blend."

#### Household Appliances

Refrigerators, air conditioners and other appliances are recycled into scrap metal after the freon has been removed. To dispose of an appliance, contact your communities' public works department or call SPSA.

#### Recycling and Community Education Presentations

To help residents understand the role they play in protecting the environment, SPSA provides community education programs. Activities include presentations to schools, civic leagues and other groups as well as facility tours.

For questions about any of SPSA's recycling programs, call the Recycling Office at 548-2256, or call the 24-hour information line at 424-4297.