



WHAT YOU NEED
TO KNOW ABOUT
The Oak Ridge
Recycling
Program

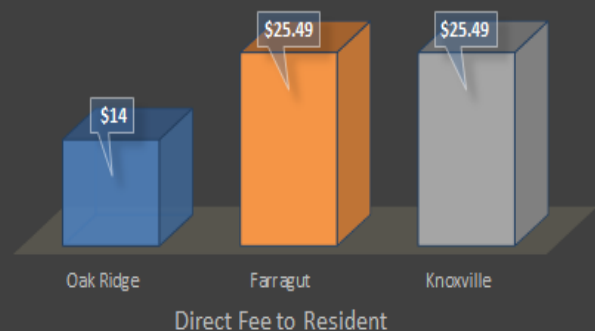
Why recycle?

- Recycling mines valuable materials out of 'garbage' in order to more sustainably create products that we use every day – from water bottles to carpet, glass, automobiles and even clothing.
- When you make the effort to separate and recycle your trash materials rather than throw them away, you are doing a favor for both your fellow man and the environment.
- Recycling conserves natural resources, leading to a more sustainable human existence, reduces the need for landfills and costly, air-polluting trash incineration, saves energy and lessens the instance of extraction and processing of virgin raw material from the Earth.
- You can recycle more materials than you probably realize!

Oak Ridge's Recycling Success

- Oak Ridge has long embraced the benefits of recycling prior to the adoption of the single stream model of collection.
- Since 2009 Oak Ridger's have prevented over 16,000 tons of recyclable material from going to landfills.
- Community participation levels over the last 5 years have reached around 80%, a major accomplishment compared with other communities averaging around 30% nationally
- **Note:** Not only does our public participation surpass neighboring communities, but the cost of recycling service to the customer is a third of the price for neighboring communities.

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Recycling Success(cont'd)

- Single Stream recycling allows for the following materials to be placed into the same bin:

Plastics #1-#7	Aluminum, Steel, and Tin Cans
Plastic Bags	Aluminum Pie Pans
Boxboard	Corrugated Cardboard
Phone Books	Magazines and Catalogs
Junk Mail	Office paper, school paper, folders
Paper Bags	Newspaper and Inserts

Full list can be found at :

[https://www.oakridgetn.gov/department/
PublicWorks/Solid-Waste/About](https://www.oakridgetn.gov/department/PublicWorks/Solid-Waste/About)

How to get started

It's easy to recycle.

- Use the information and link above to verify which items can and can't be recycled using the single stream recycling service.
- Make sure to separate recyclable items from trash inside your home.
- Place your recyclable items in the provided recycling containers for collection.
- Make sure to know where outside recycling containers are placed for pickup.
- **Note:** Any business or individual may donate, sell and/or otherwise arrange for the pickup of recyclable materials.

Where to go for more information

Visit: [http://www.keepandersoncountybeautiful.org/
convenience-centers](http://www.keepandersoncountybeautiful.org/convenience-centers) for a list of local recycling and solid waste providers

Visit the following links for more information from Keep Tennessee Beautiful, and the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation:
<http://www.keeptnbeautiful.org/recycling/>
<http://www.tn.gov/environment/section/solid-waste>

For additional general information about recycling and waste reduction, visit the Environmental Protection Agency's website at:
<http://www2.epa.gov/recycle>

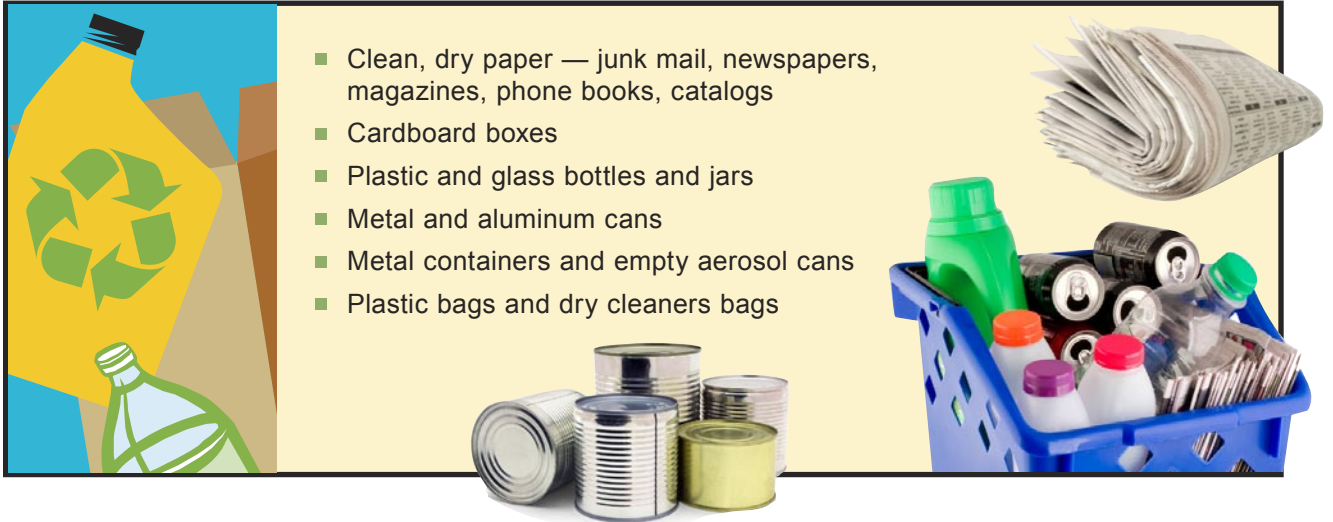
Starting new service and don't have a recycling bin?
Please contact:

Waste Connections of Tennessee Oak Ridge branch
at:
865.482.3656

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Recycling helps conserve resources and also helps create a healthy environment for our community and future generations.

Materials OK to recycle




- Clean, dry paper — junk mail, newspapers, magazines, phone books, catalogs
- Cardboard boxes
- Plastic and glass bottles and jars
- Metal and aluminum cans
- Metal containers and empty aerosol cans
- Plastic bags and dry cleaners bags

Don't put in recycling bin



- Broken glass
- Contaminated or wet paper
- Plastic hangers
- Plastic toys
- Garden hoses
- Rubber tires
- Hazardous waste — paint, batteries, antifreeze, pesticides, cleaning products, appliances, cell phones, TVs, computer monitors
- Do not place rubber tires or hazardous waste in recycling bins. For information on proper disposal or recycling of these materials, see [\[insert URL or other information\]](#).

How to recycle



- Verify the materials you are going to recycle comply with the WasteConnections single stream recycling pickup rules found at: <https://www.oakridgetn.gov/department/PublicWorks/Solid-Waste/About>
- Separate recyclable materials inside your home and place them in the recycling collection containers provided by WasteConnections.
- Make sure bins are placed in the appropriate location for on street pick up.
- All recyclable items not picked up at the residence can be taken to the nearest recycling facility found at the above Keep Anderson County Beautiful Link.