Frequently Asked Questions:

How does my waste collection work?
Roll your container to the curb by 7 a.m. on your collection day. The container is emptied mechanically from inside a Republic Services® vehicle cab. The driver uses a joy-stick, much like those used in video games, to operate the automated arm that picks up the container and empties the waste into the truck. The container is set back in place and the Republic Services truck moves on to the next stop.

When should I set out my container?
Be sure your container is at the curb by 7 a.m. on your collection day to ensure collection.

Where do I place my container for service?
Proper placement is extremely important. On your collection day, please place your container within 2 feet from the edge of the street by 7 a.m. Make sure the handles are facing toward your house, so that when the container is lifted, the lid opens toward the street. Please check to see that the container is not obstructed by parked cars, boats, etc. The postmaster requires that the containers be placed far enough away from the mailbox that the carrier can get to the mailbox without interference.

What can I put in my waste container?
The container is designed to hold a maximum weight of 175 lbs. All of your (bagged) household waste and (bagged) yard waste can be disposed of in your container. Please bag loose items to prevent littering. Since the container is mechanically emptied, the driver never leaves the truck. The container cannot be emptied if waste is on top of or next to the container. ALL waste must fit inside the container with the lid closed.

You should NOT put concrete, large amounts of dirt or heavy waste into your container. Please do not put hot ashes, paint or any hazardous liquids or materials in your container.

Who do you call for container repairs?
Call Kirby City Hall at 210.661.3198, ext 1 for any repairs needed on your container.

Recycling and Waste Service Guide

These items can always be placed in your recycling container:

- **PLASTICS**
  Recycle plastics #1 through #7. Look on the bottom of containers for a number inside the recycling arrows.

- **METAL CANS, ALUMINUM FOIL AND ALUMINUM FOIL PANS**
  Recycle all food and beverage metal cans — steel, tin, bi-metal and aluminum.

- **CARDBOARD, NEWSPAPER AND MAGAZINES**
  Recycle newspaper inserts, catalogs, paperback books, phone books and brochures.

- **PAPER CONTAINERS AND CARTONS**
  Recycle food boxes including juice boxes, ice cream and paper milk containers and cereal and pasta boxes (remove inside bags).

- **PAPER**
  Recycle envelopes, office paper, junk mail, greeting cards and file folders. Shredded paper should be put in a paper bag.

Recycling Made Easy

- All acceptable recyclables can be placed together in the recycling container.
- Please be sure your recycling container is at the curb by 7 a.m. on your collection day.
- Place your recycling container 2 feet away from the curb so it can be seen from the street.
- Additional recycling containers can be ordered by contacting City Hall at 210.661.3198, ext 1.

How To Recycle Properly

- All acceptable types of recyclables may be placed in your recycling container.
- Don’t bag it.
- If it looks like rain, be sure to close the container lid. Wet paper products cannot be recycled.
- Rinse plastic bowls and remove waste.
- Rinse aluminum and metal cans.

These items can never be placed in your recycling container:

- Appliances
- Batteries
- Bubble Wrap
- Christmas Lights
- Coat Hangers
- Electrical Cords
- Stuffed Animals
- Polystyrene foam
- Syringes/Razor
- Glass
- Blades
- Tires
- Waxed Cartons
- Wood/Yard Waste
- Food Waste
- Food Wrap
- Garden Hoses
- Plastic Bags
- Rubber Balls
- Sports Equipment

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