

# Tips for Successful Recycling

## Use a Blue Box for Recycling

The Blue Box is the symbol for our driver to stop at your home. Using a laundry basket, a five gallon pail or a wooden crate increases the chance of your recyclables being missed.



## Have your Blue Box out by 8:00a.m.

Most weeks the recycling truck stops at your house close to the same time of day. However, weather, holidays, and other factors can affect collection times. Please have your box out by 8:00 a.m.



## Rinse your recyclables

Sticky items such as mayonnaise and dog food make recycling difficult. Please do your best to clean your empty containers. Rinsed out containers eliminate animals getting into the recycling box.

## Empty your Blue Box

If the driver leaves an item or items in your blue box, it is not accepted in our program. Please remove left over items before you begin refilling your box.

## Place your Blue Box in a visible location

Long grass and mailboxes hide your box. Please place it where it is visible. If you can see your box when you travel up or down the street then we can see it too.

## **SORT** items if you use bags or carts

We ask that you use at least one blue box when you set out your recycling. Any overflow can be bagged or put in a cart if it is **SORTED**. For safety reasons our staff will not sort through mixed bags and carts of recyclables.



## Rinse your Blue Box

Your Blue Box can get dirty over time. An occasional blast with a hose will keep it fresh and clean for everyone.

## How to stop your Blue Box from blowing away

If high winds or passing cars cause your box to blow away, place a brick in it before you fill it. Our drivers will put the brick back in the box when it is empty.



## Website

Visit our website for your blue box schedule, what you can put in your blue box and more. [www.brucerecycling.com](http://www.brucerecycling.com)



## No Needles!

Needles pose a health risk for our drivers. If you use needles/syringes, these items are unacceptable in your blue box. Please contact your local pharmacist or hospital for information for proper disposal of these items.



## Call the Recycling Hotline at 1-800-794-9770

If you have a question, comment or concern about recycling, call the Bruce Area Recycling Hotline Monday to Friday 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. You can also leave us a message 24 hours a day.

