

Recycling Quiz

Question 1. In Longview's curbside recycling program, what color is the recycling container?

- Green
- Brown

Brown is the color of your recycling container. Your green colored container is for your regular household garbage.

Question 2. Grass clippings and other yard waste materials can be placed into the brown recycling container.

- True
- False

At this time, grass clippings and other yard waste material should be placed into your green garbage container. As an alternative, talk to your parents about setting up a composting area in your backyard!

Question 3. Plastic grocery bags should be... (select all that apply)

- Put in your recycling container
- Taken back to the grocery store
- Put into the garbage container
- All of the above

Plastic bags SHOULD NOT go into your brown recycling containers because they can get tangled up in the machines during the sorting process at the Waste Control Recycling Center. Most grocery stores will accept these from you for recycling. If you are not able to do this, then you should place these bags into your green garbage container.

Question 4. 2,000 pounds (one ton) of recycled paper saves how many trees?

- 17
- 32
- 57

Recycling one ton of paper saves 17 trees! In addition to saving the trees, you can also save water and energy by recycling your paper. Did you know that if every household in Longview eliminated junk mail, approximately 22,500 trees would be saved each year?

Question 5. Plastic water bottles are accepted in the curbside recycling program.

- True
- False

Yes – you can place your plastic water bottles into your brown recycling container.

Question 6. I can put the following in my brown recycling container... (select only one)

- All food scraps
- Shredded paper**
- Cardboard pizza boxes
- All of the above

Shredded paper is the only item on this list that can be placed into your brown recycling container. We encourage you to place the shredded paper in a PAPER bag and then into your brown recycling container. The cardboard pizza boxes are not recyclable because most have food product or grease on them.

Question 7. Coat hangers (metal or plastic) are NOT accepted in the curbside recycling program.

- True**
- False

Coat hangers CANNOT be placed in your brown recycling container because they would get tangled up in the machines during the sorting process at the Waste Control Recycling Center. If you have metal dry cleaning hangers, ask your cleaner if they will take the hangers back.

Question 8. When recycled, an aluminum can will back on the store shelves in how many days?

- 30
- 60**
- 100

Manufacturers put recycled aluminum cans back on store shelves in as little as 60 days. Aluminum can be recycled into a lot of different products such as tractor trailers and car bodies. However, most go through the process and is made into new aluminum cans.

Question 9. What types of plastics are accepted in the curbside recycling program?

- No. 1 and No. 2 only**
- No. 3 and 5 only
- All plastics – No. 1 through 7

Even though ALL plastics (1-7) are recyclable, Longview's curbside program only accepts No. 1 and No. 2 at this time. Look on the bottom of your plastic containers and recycle only those that show a 1 or 2 in a recycling triangle. If you cannot find a number or cannot read the number, assume it is not an acceptable item and place it into your green garbage container.

Question 10. When recycling tin cans, you need to remove the paper labels and flatten before you place them into your recycling container.

- True
- False**

You don't need to remove paper labels or flatten your tin cans anymore. The paper labels may even stay on your glass bottles and jars. We do ask that you rinse all cans to remove any food product. However, to save space in your brown recycling container, flattening your tin and aluminum cans is acceptable.

EXTRA CREDIT QUESTION

Question 11. Is glass accepted in the curbside recycling program?

- True
 False

For a long time, glass was part of Longview's curbside recycling program.

However, beginning on January 1, 2019, glass was no longer part of the recycling program. We have found that most of the glass would break during the collection and baling process, which was a high contamination concern and had a direct impact to the market prices that Longview would receive for its curbside recyclable material.

The cleaner the material is when it is delivered, the higher the market price would be for Longview. This benefits you, the ratepayers of Longview!

What is your Recycling IQ?

11 Correct: You're a Recycling Genius! Great job! Encourage others to recycle, too!

8-10 Correct: You're a Master Recycler – keep up the good work!

6-7 Correct: Pretty knowledgeable. Sharpen your skills by brushing up on what is and is not recyclable. Visit the [Recycle List Yes-No](#) section.

0-5 Correct: Time to hit the books and learn more about recycling. Visit the [Recycle List Yes-No](#) section.