

# Trash and Recycle Collection Guidelines



## What?

The black container is for household trash and yard waste. The green container is for recyclable items only.

## Where?

Place containers in the street against the curb with the lid opening facing the street. Do not block the sidewalk.

Place containers at least two feet apart and at least four feet away from parked cars, fences, mail boxes, basketball hoops, or other obstructions.

Parallel park in cul-de-sacs on collection day.

## When?

Have your trash and recycling containers out by 7 a.m. on your collection day (or after 8 p.m. the night before) and put away by 8 p.m. that evening. Trash is collected once per week. Recyclables are collected every other week.

View your collection calendar and sign up for reminders at [ThorntonCo.gov](http://ThorntonCo.gov)

## How?

- Do not overfill containers. The lid should not exceed a 45 degree angle when at the curb.
- Bag trash to minimize windblown debris, and prevent debris from sticking to the inside and stinking.
- **Do not bag recyclables.** Toss items loosely into your green container.
- Do not write on, paint, or deface containers.
- Do not place anything on top of containers.
- Do not take containers with you if you move. They are property of the city of Thornton and assigned to your address.
- Store containers in your yard behind or alongside a primary structure on your property or in the garage.
- Use a hose to periodically wash out containers.
- All trash and recycling must be inside containers.



**These do not belong in your container:**  
electronics, dirt, sod, bricks, cement, hot ashes, hazardous materials, any liquids, bulky or large items such as mattresses, appliances, or furniture.

**Click & Haul** customers can dispose of large items, get rid of clutter, or dispose of most home remodeling debris. Schedule an online curbside appointment at [ThorntonCo.gov](http://ThorntonCo.gov).

