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Don't put your trash bags or curbside recycling bin at the curb on Thanksgiving or Christmas.

There are six designated holidays for the vendors who handle the City of Burleson's trash collection and curbside recycling. Those dates include Thanksgiving (Thursday, Nov. 26), Christmas (Friday, Dec. 25), New Year's Day (Friday, Jan. 1, 2010), Memorial Day (Monday, May 24), Independence Day (Sunday, July 4), and Labor Day (Monday, September 6).

If your curbside recycling is not picked up on your designated day (check your zone date), and it is not one of the holidays listed above, call the public works department at 817-426-9832. If you don't know your zone date, go to the zone map, <http://www.burlesontx.com/Acrobat/Solid%20waste%20zones%202008.pdf>, on the City of Burleson web site, www.burlesontx.com.

If you are a new resident, you received a "Wash It 'N' Toss It" brochure when you stopped by Burleson City Hall to get your water turned on. Call the Municipal Service Center at 817-426-9832 to order a recycling bin. You can stop by the office at 1675 John Jones Dr. to get a free lid for the bin.

"Wash It 'N' Toss It" means just that . . . wash program-approved cans, glass, and plastic bottles then toss them all in the recycling bin. Recyclables do not have to be separated. Put your recycling bin out before 7 a.m. on your designated recycling day and CWD will empty the bin and return the bin to your curb.

Don't put your empty pizza boxes in the recycling bin. CWD will not collect plastic bags that are marked #2 HDPE and #4 HDPE, Styrofoam cups, to-go containers, lids, caps and sprayers, aluminum foil and pie plates, wet or yellowed newsprint, books, cookware, ceramics, utensils, cups, dishes and glasses, light bulbs and window glass, toys, and batteries.

CWD will take numbered plastic containers (#1-5, #7); unbroken glass bottles and jars of all colors; aluminum cans; rinsed-out tin food cans; dry, un-yellowed newsprint (including slicks and ads); phone books; magazines/catalogs/junk mail; chipboard (thin cardboard such as cereal boxes); uncoated cardboard; and

empty aerosol cans. Flatten the cardboard and cardboard boxes and stack them under the recycling bin.

Bottles and cans must be rinsed. With the exception of empty oil and antifreeze bottles, do not recycle caps and sprayers. CWD will not accept flattened plastic bottles that once contained hazardous waste.

Tin cans, especially those containing soup or pet foods, must not only be rinsed, but place the lid inside the can and squeeze the open end shut before tossing it in the recycling bin.

Brown paper bags will keep dry newspapers, phone books, catalogues, magazines, writing paper, mail and cardboard from blowing out of the recycling bin. If it is raining the day you are scheduled to recycle, save the paper products for the next dry collection day.

For more information about the curbside recycling program, call the Municipal Service Center at 817-426-9832.