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Gusty winds can wreak havoc on your curbside recycling. Now is a good time to remind residents that the City's public works department has lids for those green curbside recycling bins. To pick up free lids, residents can go by the Municipal Service Center at 725 S.E. John Jones Dr., 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday-Friday.

When winds are predicted to gust up to more than 20 miles per hour, keep that curbside recycling inside so that bins are not littering neighborhood streets. Make sure your address is written on the bottom of the bin so that if it does blow away, the bin can be returned to you.

What can you recycle? Fill your bin with dry newspaper (including slicks/ads), phone books, catalogs, magazines, writing paper, mail, cardboard, unbroken glass bottles and jars, tin cans, aluminum cans, empty aerosol cans, and plastics labeled #1-5 and #7. Before you toss recyclables in the bin, make sure to rinse plastic and metal containers and surfaces; remove all caps, lids and pumps; and, remove the plastic liner in cereal boxes. You do not have to remove labels or sort your recyclables.

Items not accepted in curbside recycling include Styrofoam cups and to-go containers (including pizza boxes), plastic bags, lids, caps, sprayers, aluminum foil and pie plates, wet or yellowed newspaper, books, cookware, ceramics, utensils, cups, dishes, glasses, light bulbs, window glass, toys and batteries.

Have your curbside recycling at your curb (place it at least four feet from cars) by 7 a.m. on your scheduled pickup day. If you don't know your curbside recycling date, call the Municipal Service Center at 817-426-9830.