

Thank you so much for volunteering your time to clean our beautiful city! Keeping trash off the ground is a necessary part of maintaining the health of our land and waterways. What we choose to do with the litter we collect is also important. Many of the items we find during cleanups are recyclable. Recycling these items will keep litter off the ground and divert waste away from landfills.

KAB would like to encourage you to recycle during your cleanup. At this time KAB cannot provide collection of recyclable materials from your cleanup sites, but there are many options for getting it to an appropriate place to be recycled.

- 1. Take items home to put in a personal recycling bin.
- 2. Sort items and drop off at Ecology Action, located at 707 E. 9th St on the west side of I-35. They are open 7 days a week 9am-5pm and can be reached at 322-0000. They accept all aluminum cans, foil, tin cans, metal, plastics 1-7, glass jars and bottles, cardboard, paper, newspaper, magazines and clean plastic bags.
- 3. Take it to Austin Resource Recovery, located at 10108 FM 812, Austin, TX. ARR is open Mon-Fri 8am-4:30pm and can be reached at (512) 243-3325. They accept all aluminum and metal cans, plastic 1-7, glass jars and bottles, cardboard, and all paper.
- 4. If you have permission, take items back to your office, church, etc. to put in the recycling dumpster.

Ecology Action:

Austin Resource Recovery:







Recycling Tips

When recyclable materials are found on ground, we have to put a little extra thought into whether or not they can be recycled. Sometimes items that have been left outside will begin to deteriorate or collect dirt, making them unfit to be recycled. Use the tips below to help your group determine what is possible to recycle.

Step 1:

Inform your group that you will be recycling during the cleanup. The white trash bags are for recyclable materials, and the black bags are for any materials going to the landfill.

Step 2:

Make sure the object is recyclable in Austin. This includes

- Paper: (newspaper, office paper, junk mail, envelopes, wrapping paper)
- Boxboard and corrugated cardboard:
 - o Cereal, shoe and gift boxes
 - soda/beverage containers
 - most food packaging containers
- Aluminum and metal cans: food cans (labels left on OK), soda cans
- Glass: Jars and bottles
- Plastic containers: # 1 through # 7, including yogurt and margarine tubs

Step 3:

Inspect the object to make sure it is clean enough to be recycled.

- Cannot be covered in or filled with mud
- No food residue
- No rust
- Bottles and cans should not have anything in them. Important: For safety reasons, if there is liquid in a bottle do not attempt to open the bottle or pour it out. Throw it away.
- No broken glass

Step 4:

• Take recyclable items home to put in a personal recycling bin, or sort items and drop off at Ecology Action, located at 707 E. 9th Street on the west side of I-35.