

Are you sure you are recycling right? **Mecklenburg County Solid Waste** challenges you to prove it by taking their recycling quiz!

Read the [detailed answer explanations](#) and [register](#) for a live *Recycle Right* webinar if you didn't score 100%!



PROVE THAT YOU CAN **RECYCLE RIGHT**

1.

Which of the following clean, dry and empty plastic household items should be placed in a residential curbside cart in Mecklenburg County?

- a. Plastic yogurt cup
- b. Plastic soda bottle
- c. Plastic produce clamshell
- d. All of the above

2.

Which of the following plastic resin identification codes (RIC) in a chasing arrow symbol on a package mean it is recyclable in Mecklenburg County:

- a. 1 & 2's only
- b. 1, 2, 5
- c. RIC's are no longer reliable
- d. Anything with a recycling symbol

3.

Plastic soda bottle caps should be....

- a. put into the recycling cart loose
- b. screwed tightly on a clean, dry and empty bottle
- c. thrown in the garbage
- d. B or C

4.

Cardboard pizza boxes....

- a. should only be recycled if clean and dry
- b. should only be recycled after the dirty half has been trashed
- c. A & B
- d. should never be recycled

5.

Aluminum is a highly valuable recycling commodity and the following items should be recycled in your curbside cart:

- a. Soda cans
- b. Aluminum gutters
- c. Aluminum foil if balled up
- d. A & C

6.

Which of the following are best practices when disposing of batteries?

- a. Alkaline (single use) batteries should go in the trash
- b. Both alkaline and rechargeable batteries should go into the recycling bin
- c. Rechargeable batteries should be taken to a facility that can properly dispose of lithium
- d. A & C

7.

Which of the following clean, dry and empty glass items should be placed in a residential curbside cart in Mecklenburg County?

- a. Dishes and glasses
- b. Brown glass beer bottles
- c. Green glass wine bottles
- d. B & C

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Answer Key 1.b 2.c 3.d 4.c 5.a 6.d 7.d

How did you do?

**7/7 RECYCLING ROCK STAR: YOU PROVED US WRONG!**

Maybe you already attended a *Recycle Right* presentation and retained what you learned from our residential recycling educators. Take the next step, [ask to be invited to the next 7 R's of Waste Reduction webinar](#).

**6/7 RECYCLING EXPERT: YOU KNOW YOUR STUFF!**

Have you attended a *Recycle Right* presentation yet? If yes, please review the [most recent recording](#). Then take it to the next level by [asking to be invited](#) to the next 7 R's of Waste Reduction webinar.

**5/7 RECYCLING ENTHUSIAST: YOU KNOW THE BASICS**

[Sign up](#) or [watch a recording](#) of a *Recycle Right* webinar. You'll learn about the recycling journey, the costs of contamination and clarify what is and is not recyclable curbside in Mecklenburg County.

**4/7 WISHFUL RECYCLER: YOU MIGHT BE WISH-CYCLING!**

Sustainability enthusiasts are often hesitant to throw something in the garbage to reduce landfill waste, because they want to recycle. Learn how wishful recycling can damage sorting machines, injure workers, start fires and costs Mecklenburg County over \$1.9M per year. [Sign up](#) for a live *Recycle Right* webinar, so you can ask our residential recycling educators questions during the Q&A.

**≤3/7 RECYCLING REBOOT: KNOWLEDGE UPGRADE NEEDED**

[Sign up](#) for a live *Recycle Right* webinar to learn the current residential recycling guidelines in Meck County and why it's important. Past participants agree it's fun, informative and greatly increased their confidence on what to do with their waste to ensure it's disposed of properly.