

The Gainesville Zero Waste News

3 Steps To Properly Prepare Your Appliances For Recycling Pickup

All appliances eventually tire out and need to be replaced, but that doesn't have to mean the end of their usefulness. The metal in ovens, washers, dryers, refrigerators, and other appliances can be recycled to make new products - maybe even a new appliance.

Please follow these 3 steps to prepare your appliance for collection:

1. **Clean it out!** Be sure to remove all food items from fridges & freezers and take any clothes out from washers & dryers. Don't forget to also empty out pots, pans, and dishes from ovens and dishwashers before setting them out for collection.
2. **Remove doors from fridges, freezers & ovens.** If you cannot remove the doors, please tape or tie them closed. Removing doors will help to prevent accidental lock-ins from children playing in the area.
3. **Never puncture Freon tanks in fridges, freezers, or air conditioners.** Freon should only be removed by certified technicians. When improperly captured, Freon makes its way into our atmosphere, causing the depletion of Earth's ozone layer.



City of Gainesville residents with curbside refuse services are eligible for appliance collection at no additional costs. However, collection is made by appointment only. To make your appliance collection appointment call **352-334-2330** or submit an appointment request online at gainesvillefl.gov/Recycle.

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