

# The Gainesville Zero Waste News

## Cartons Dropped from Recycling Program

As the saying goes, there's no use crying over spilled milk. However, in this case, it's the carton that has met its end, not the milk. **Food and beverage cartons are no longer accepted in the curbside recycling programs of Gainesville and Alachua County.** Cartons are also no longer accepted for recycling drop-off at any of the Alachua County Rural Collection Centers.

Attempts to find domestic markets capable of processing this material have been unsuccessful. Additionally, the volume of cartons collected locally has been insufficient to fill shipments before the containers become moldy, rendering them unsuitable for recycling.

### No longer accepted for recycling are:

- ✗ Gable-top containers, such as milk, juice & egg substitute cartons
- ✗ Tetra Pak (shelf-stable) containers, such as protein drinks, broth and boxed wine
- ✗ Juice boxes



For information on what materials are accepted for recycling, visit [gainesvillefl.gov/WhatCanBeRecycled](http://gainesvillefl.gov/WhatCanBeRecycled).

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