



Reuse options for pie pans

Before throwing these pans in your trash cart, (aluminum/metal pie pans are not recyclable through the City's curbside program), here are some ways to reuse this multi-purpose item...

- **Grow sprouts for salads, herbs for cooking.**
- Use as trays for **sorting beads, pins, craft items**, etc.
- Fill with sand, place a pillar candle or several votive candles in to the sand, scatter some shells around for a **quick centerpiece**.
- **Tambourines** - poke holes around the edges of two pie pans. Put some dried beans in one, then top with the other. Tie the two pans together with scraps of yarn, leaving a little extra at the end for fringe. Great fun for kids!
- Use them as **catch-pans** under potted plants.
- Save your aluminum pie plates and take along to **feed and water your dog when camping**. You also can spray them with PAM, and cook things like scrambled eggs, etc., on top of the grill. When done, just toss in trash and there is no clean-up for either the cooking or pet feeding.
- **Fill with homemade cookies or candies, wrap in color wrap and give as a gift.**
- **Give to kids to play with** - they'll think of plenty of uses for them.
- **Re-purpose aluminum roasting pans in the garden** - Wash and store the foil roasting pans and loaf pans that you used through the holidays and bring them out of storage in the spring. They can be re-purposed as a tray for seed cups when you plant your vegetable and flower seeds in spring. Arrange the pots so that they fit snugly in the pan. The pan will hold water and the cups won't topple over.
- Poke a hole at the rim, thread a few on a string and **hang over a garden** to keep birds away.

PLUS... more pie plate reuse ideas:

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<https://homeguides.sfgate.com/decorate-aluminum-pie-plates-77941.html>

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