



Always Recycle



**Plastic Bottles, Cups
& Containers**



Paper & Paper Cups



Glass Bottles & Containers



**Flattened Cardboard
& Paperboard**



Food & Beverage Cans



Do Not Include In Your Recycling Container



**NO Batteries, Power Tools,
Flammables or Hazardous Waste**



**NO Foam Cups, Containers
or Straws**



NO Food or Liquids



**NO Clothing, Furniture
or Carpet**



**NO Loose Plastic Bags,
Bagged Recyclables or Film**

Empty recyclables
directly into your bin



NO Green Waste

Recycling Guide

What Can Be Recycled

Always check local programs to confirm what's recyclable in your area. For a quick overview of the basics, download [What's Recyclable](#).

All Materials

Plastic

Paper & Cardboard

Glass

Metal

Other

Accepted in Your Bin*

These items can go in your recycling bin, as long as they're clean and dry.



Plastic Bottles, Cups & Containers

Recycle plastics by shape: bottles, jars, jugs, cups and tubs. The "chasing arrows" symbol doesn't necessarily mean it's recyclable.

Empty and dry containers, then put the cap or lid back on before tossing in the bin. No foam or compostable cups.



Food & Beverage Cans

Recycle empty tin, aluminum and steel cans.

If a metal can has a plastic lid, toss it before recycling the can.



Paper & Paper Cups

Paper, newspaper, magazines and empty paper cups are good to recycle. Compost or trash soggy paper products.

Paper cups must be empty and recycled without lids. Keep cup sleeves on.



Flattened Cardboard & Paperboard
Flatten and recycle all cardboard and paperboard.

Cardboard pizza delivery boxes without leftovers or liners should be recycled. Some communities allow them in compost. Check your local guidelines.



Food & Beverage Containers
Rules for recycling milk cartons, juice boxes and food cartons vary by city, county and state. Check local recycling programs for options to recycle cartons.

Make sure containers are completely empty to avoid contamination.



Glass Bottles & Containers
Glass recycling rules vary, please check your local program guidelines.

Check local program guidelines for options to recycle glass. Some communities have curbside pickup or drop-off locations to recycle glass.

Not Accepted in Your Bin

Try to reduce and reuse these items instead of putting them in the garbage.



No Bagged Recyclables

Do not bag recyclables. They must be loose in the bin.

If you collect your recyclables in a bag, empty them directly into your cart and reuse the bag!



No Plastic Bags

Plastic bags are not accepted as part of curbside recycling programs - they get tangled in equipment and threaten worker safety.

Do not bag recyclables as materials inside may not get recycled. Reuse plastic bags, or learn where you can recycle them at plasticfilmrecycling.org.



No Plastic Wrap & Film

Plastic wrap, bubble wrap, sandwich bags and freezer bags should not go in the recycle bin.

Reuse whenever possible for presents, moving, or storage of similar items, or look for local options to recycle.



No Flexible Packaging

Flexible packaging like chip bags and juice or soup pouches cannot be recycled in curbside programs.

This type of packaging is made from multiple materials preventing it from being recycled.



No Polystyrene Foam

Polystyrene foam containers and cups are not acceptable in the curbside recycling program.

Packing peanuts aren't recyclable either, however some shipping stores will take peanuts back for reuse.

Other Materials

Typically not accepted for curbside pickup. Check local programs for disposal options.



No Tangling Items

Garden hoses, rope, leashes, wire, holiday lights, string and chains should never go in the recycling bin.

"Tanglers" can wrap around equipment, endanger workers and shut down entire recycling centers. If they are still in good condition, donate them.



No Dirty Diapers

Dirty diapers' and pet waste's yuck factor increase when they end up where they shouldn't — the recycle bin!

These materials will spoil all of the recyclables, turning the load to garbage. Throw these away instead and keep recyclables clean and dry.



No Household Items

Clothing, textiles, shower curtains, mini-pools, fencing and furniture don't go in the recycling.

Check local programs for reuse and recycling options first. Put them in the garbage bin if no other options are available.



No Medical Waste

Medical waste can pose a safety hazard and never goes in curbside recycling or waste bins.

Needles are especially dangerous so dispose of them in a safe container like our MedWaste Tracker® box, or contact your local provider.



No Garage Waste

Car parts, scrap metal, tires, filters, propane cylinders and the like are safety hazards if put in curbside recycling or trash bins.

Check locally for special collection programs or take them to a local retailer or scrap recycler.