

ACCEPTED IN RECYCLING

NOTE: The “chasing arrows” Symbol DOES NOT necessarily mean it’s recyclable.

Plastics

Recycle plastics by shape: bottles, jars, jugs and tubs. Make sure containers are clean* and dry before tossing in the bin. Lids can be recycled, if tightened back on container.

*Containers should be clean, but don’t have to be spotless.

Food and Beverage Cans

Recycle empty tin, aluminum and steel cans. **EMPTY** aerosol cans are also recyclable. If the can has a plastic lid, remove it before recycling.

Paper

Paper, newspaper and magazines are good to recycle. Solid or wet paper should be composted.

Flattened Cardboard and Paperboard (Cereal Box)

Flatten and recycle all cardboard and paperboard. Cardboard Pizza delivery boxes **WITHOUT** leftover crust, cheese melts and other food crumbs can be recycled.

Glass Bottles and Containers

Glass bottles and containers should be clean* and dry before tossing into bin.

*Containers should be clean, but don’t have to be spotless.

NOT ACCEPTED IN RECYCLING

Please Reduce And Reuse These Items Instead Of Putting Them In The Trash.

NO BAGGED RECYCLABLES

Collecting Recyclables in a plastic bag is easy to travel your items to the bin. **PLEASE** rip the bag and dump the recyclables into dumpster and reuse the plastic bag.

NO PLASTIC BAGS

Plastic shopping bags and plastic film or wrap, are not accepted as recyclable, because it entangles the equipment and threatens worker safety.

NO FLEXIBLE PACKAGING

Flexible packaging like chip bags, juice or soup pouches or multi-material packaging (paperboard box with plastic window) can not be recycled. They are too light, and have mixed material, please send to the waste bin.

NO CUPS WITH WAX OR PLASTIC COATINGS

Cups with plastic or waxed coating are not recyclable. The plastic lids should be trashed as well. **ABSOLUTELY NO LIQUIDS OR FOOD IN THE RECYCLING.**

Information from Waste Management website, Recycling 101 |

For More Information please visit their website: wm.com/us/en/recycle-right/recycling-101

NO Polystyrene Foam or Plastic

Polystyrene foam, plastic “to-go” containers and cups are made from non-recyclable materials. Packing peanuts aren’t recyclable either, however, some shipping stores will take peanuts back for reuse.

OTHER ITEMS NOT ACCEPTED:

TANGLING ITEMS:

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

NO DIRTY DIAPERS: This contaminates the recycling bin. Trash these, and keep your recyclables clean and dry.

NO HOUSEHOLD ITEMS:

Clothing, textiles, shower curtains, mini-pools, fencing, furniture and appliances don’t go into recycling.

NO MEDICAL WASTE: Needles are Especially dangerous, please dispose of them in a safe container.

NO GARAGE WASTE: Car parts, Scrap metal, tires, filters, propane cylinders and the like are safety hazards if put in recycling. Check locally for special collection programs.

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THREE RULES FOR RECYCLING

Recycle Bottles, Cans, Paper and Cardboard

RULE ONE:

Keep food and liquid out of your recycling

RULE TWO:

No loose plastic bags or plastic wrap and no bagged recyclables.

RULE THREE:

75% of America's waste could be recycled, sadly, Americans only recycle 30% of that.

9 out of 10 people said they would recycle if it were more convenient.

America, landfill \$**11.4 Billion** worth of recyclable containers and packaging every year.

Plastics make up more than **80% of debris** polluting our oceans.

Glass is infinitely recyclable and takes over **4,000 years** to deteriorate.

Our landfills are not decomposing, they are simply a storage ground for waste.

Americans use **80 billion aluminum soda cans** each year.

In three months Americans throw out enough aluminum cans to rebuild **ALL of our commercial air fleets.**

Aluminum is **unlimited** to the amount of times it can be recycled.

Recycling two aluminum cans can save the **same amount of energy** that it takes to power a PC for six hours.

5.6 million tons of Junk Mail is buried into landfills annually.

An average college student will produce **640 pounds** of waste this year. rubicon.com/blog/statistics-trash-recycling

Some Knowledgeable Facts:

A QUICK 1, 2, 3, ON RECYCLING



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