

Recycling Guide

Recycling Made Convenient!

Materials	Acceptable Items	How To Prepare	Unacceptable Items
Newspapers Magazines Catalogs	✓ newspaper print ✓ glossy flyers or insert	◆ no preparation	⊗ NO material bound with string or twine
Boxboard Cardboard Brown Bags	✓ dry food box ✓ shoe box ✓ paper towel roll ✓ tissue box ✓ corrugated box	◆ remove liners, metal, strips, & cellophane ◆ flatten	⊗ NO refrigerated or frozen food boxes ⊗ NO laundry soap boxes ⊗ NO pizza boxes ⊗ NO wax-coated carton/box
Office Paper	✓ any color ✓ sticky note ✓ envelope (no window)	◆ placed in tied plastic grocery bag	⊗ NO Glossy Fax paper ⊗ NO carbon paper ⊗ NO window envelope
CO-MINGLE CONTAINER ITEMS Group below materials together			
Clear Glass Brown Glass	✓ jars or bottle ✓ food/beverage container	◆ clean ◆ remove lid or rings ◆ recycle metal lids	⊗ NO window or plate ⊗ NO light bulbs ⊗ NO Pyrex, ceramic, dishes ⊗ NO other colors
Plastic Bottles Plastic Jugs	✓ milk jug ✓ detergent or shampoo ✓ water bottle ✓ sport drink bottle	◆ clean ◆ flatten ◆ discard lids	⊗ NO plastic bags or tubs ⊗ NO brittle/crinkle plastic ⊗ NO oil or antifreeze
Aluminum	✓ food/ beverage container ✓ pie or food trays ✓ foil wrap	◆ clean ◆ remove paper	⊗ NO aluminum bag ⊗ NO aluminum wrapper
Tin (steel)	✓ food/beverage container ✓ empty aerosol can ✓ glass jar lid	◆ clean ◆ remove paper	⊗ NO paint can

- Throwing away a single aluminum can, is like pouring out six ounces of gasoline. The aluminum can is 100%recyclable and can be used to make new beverage cans indefinitely.
- 75% of what Americans throw in the trash could actually be recycled.
- Land filling 10,000 tons of waste creates 6 jobs; recycling 10,000 tons of waste creates 36 jobs.
- A national recycling rate of 30% saves 5 billion gallons [114 million barrels] of gasoline.
- Recycling diverted 68 million tons from landfills in 2001, up from 34 million tons in 1990.
- Recycling 35% reduces global warming emissions equal to 36 million cars taken of the road.
- Every Sunday 500,000 trees could be saved if everyone recycled their newspapers.