# RECYCLE THE RIGHT WAY

## CURBSIDE RECYCLING GUIDE

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These items are recyclable in your home bin. Non-recyclable items create problems for recycling facilities and cause recyclables to go to the landfill.

The following list provides examples and is not meant to be exhaustive.

WHEN IN DOUBT, THROW IT OUT.

## PLASTIC CONTAINERS







- Beverage containers, water bottles, pop bottles
- Milk, water, & juice jugs, detergent bottles
- Household cleaners, canola oil bottles
- Margarine tubs, laundry detergent bottles
  - Yogurt cups, kitty litter buckets, cream cheese containers
- #6 plastic (polystyrene including solo cups & styrofoam) can't be recycled
- 7 Bioplastics & other containers

Lids on plastics should be reattached after emptying.

## PAPER PRODUCTS

Food & drink cartons, clean cardboard, copy paper, newspaper, magazines, cereal boxes, paperback books, envelopes, TetraPaks.



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Bottles and jars that contained a food or drink. Rinse, separate caps.

NO FLEXIBLE PACKAGING such

as plastic wrap, bags (sandwich,

food packaging, & grocery), &

squeezable tubes.

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## METALS

Aluminum cans, clean aluminum foil, tin cans, steel cans, metal caps from jars.







## THESE ITEMS DO NOT BELONG IN CURBSIDE BINS!

#### Curbside Recycling: Rules of Thumb

- If it's plastic with NO recycling symbol, throw it out.
- All #6 plastics (hard and soft polystyrene) must be thrown out.
- Do not bag your recyclables in plastic bags!
- All containers must be empty.
- All devices with electronic components are prohibited by law in curbside recycling and garbage bins. Contact your municipality about local collection sites.
  - → visit scarce.org/electronics

The following commonly-misplaced items do NOT go in your curbside recycling bins.

#### PAPER & FIBERS

Burnt paper Carbon paper Cardboard egg cartons Facial tissue Foil gift wrap Gift tissue paper Glossy photo paper Loose shredded paper **Napkins** Painted or stained wood Paper cups Paper plates Paper towels Toilet paper Wall paper

#### HAZARDOUS MATERIALS

Wax paper

**Absorbents** Acids or Alkalis Asbestos Diapers Fertilizers Grease Herbicides Insecticides Medical waste Oil Paint Radioactive materials Smoke detectors Solvents Stain



#### **ELECTRONICS**

Cables Calculators Cameras CD players/recorders Cell phones Circuit boards Clocks Computers Computer disks DVD players/recorders Extension cords Flashlights Floppy disks Holiday lights iPods & iPads Keyboards Light bulbs Light fixtures Medical devices Monitors MP3 players **Pagers PDAs Printers** Radios Smoke detectors

#### YARD WASTE

**Branches** Compost Grass Leaves Mulch Railway ties Shovels or rakes Trees or stumps

Switches

Telephones

### FLEXIBLE PACKAGING

Beverage pouches Food bags and pouches Zipper locking bags Liners in boxed wine Flour & sugar bags Personal care product packaging Stretch wrap Toothpaste tubes

#### **MISCELLANEOUS**

Animal waste Aluminum blinds/siding Audio cassette tapes Auto parts Bathroom waste **Batteries** Cabinets (metal & wood) Carpet or padding Ceramic tiles Clothing Cooking oil & grease Construction debris Drvwall Fencing Furniture Garden hoses and tools Gasoline cans Glass Hangers Hardware Hose reels Hubcaps Inner-tubes K-cups Kitchen waste Ladders Lawn sprinklers Liauids Mirrors Motors & motor oil **Pallets Pipes** Propane tanks Railroad ties Rocks, stones, or bricks Roofing materials Rope, twine, or string Rugs Saw dust Scrap and sheet metal Shelving Sporting goods

Textiles

Toilets or toilet seats

Tires

Tools

Wood

**Umbrellas** 

Window glass

# Vapor insulation sheets

Vinyl siding Waste baskets

Window blinds

**Appliances** Ceramics China dishes Cooking ware

#### **PLASTICS**

Bubble wrap #6 plastics Bags CD/Cassette cases Containers with chemicals Coolers Cover sheets Crates Dinnerware & utensils Drain tile Bubble-lined envelopes Flower pots Furniture Garbage/recycling bins Garden planter trays Garment bags Hangers Holiday light racks Hoses Inflatable pool toys/rafts Landscaping edging Large storage bins Laundry baskets **PVC** Piping Plastic sheets/drop cloths Plastic trim or molding Plastic imitation wood Polystyrene insulation Polystyrene packaging Shower curtains Solo cups Straws Styrofoam products Swimming pool liners Tablecloths Tackle boxes Tarps Toys Tupperware Tyvek wrap & envelopes

#### **HOUSE WARES**

Crystal Glassware Porcelain Pots and pans Pottery Metal utensils Vases