

Lists of Acceptable/Non-Acceptable Materials in Curbside Recycling

- ✓ Acceptable Curbside Recycling Materials Only. List may vary at each MRF.
- ✓ Acceptable materials should be dry (especially paper) and covered in bins. These materials should not be exposed to the weather.
- ✓ All materials should be loose in bins. No materials should be in bags.
- ✓ Absolutely no Prohibitive Materials allowed in your curbside bins. (See below)
- ✓ Certain materials may be recyclable, but cannot be placed in your curbside bin. When in doubt, check with your local recycler.

<p>Paper Acceptable</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All full-sheet office paper, white paper • Colored paper • Newspaper (plastic bags and strings removed) • Magazines (all types), catalogs (all types) • Phonebooks (all types) • Junk mail • Paperboard • Tissue boxes • Heavy weight folders • Paper towel and toilet paper rolls 	<p>Paper Non Acceptable (Some Examples)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shredded Paper (Single-Stream) • Napkins • Tissue paper • Wall paper • Paper towels • Wax paper • Wrapping paper • Any paper which has the potential to be contaminated with bodily fluid
<p>Cardboard Acceptable</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Corrugated cardboard • Brown paper bags • Boxboard (i.e. shoeboxes, gift boxes, cereal boxes) 	<p>Cardboard Non Acceptable (Some Examples)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cardboard lined with plastic (i.e. bubble wrap boxes) • Waxed/waterproof cardboard • Food soiled boxes (i.e. pizza boxes)
<p>Plastics Acceptable</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Only bottles, jugs and jars (materials must be rinsed) i.e. soda bottles, laundry detergent jugs, water bottles, milk jugs etc.... 	<p>Plastics Non-Acceptable (Some Examples)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plastic “baggies” • Plastic tableware • Styrofoam containers • Shopping, Grocery, Retail bags • Clam-Shells (take-out containers)
<p>Metals Acceptable</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aluminum and tin beverage containers (materials must be rinsed) • Metal and tin food containers (materials must be rinsed) 	<p>Metals Non Acceptable (Some Examples)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Metal and cardboard containers • Paint cans • Aerosol cans
<p>Glass Acceptable</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bottles and Jars only (rinsed) 	<p>Glass Non Acceptable (Some Examples)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Everything else

Other Prohibitive Materials in Curbside Recycling

- Electronics – Cell Phones, iPad, iPods, Laptops, Desk Tops etc...
- Radioactive Materials
- Hazardous Materials – Oil, Paint, Antifreeze
- Corrosives – Batteries (not contained in e-scrap)
- Non-Electronics – Tires, fiberglass, wood, asbestos, appliances, roofing, solid waste, furniture, ceramics
- Compressed Gas Cylinders
- Flammable Materials
- Other Hazardous Wastes – Pesticides, oil filters, mercury switches, biohazards, fluorescents, lights, air bags, lead, tube tvs
- Refrigerants – Freon/Puron/Substitutes, compressors, air conditioners
- PCBs – Capacitors, transformers, ballast
- Explosives – Fire arms, ammunition, shells
- Medical Waste – Needles, Syringes etc...

*The processes and commitments from all of those involved in recycling must change for it to work in a sustainable fashion. Recycling right needs to be enforced and it starts at the curb! What is recycling right? It is placing acceptable (check with local recycler) recyclable materials only, loose in bins, covered from the weather. That's it.

For all other materials you should check with your local recycler before placing it in your curbside bin. Some materials may be required to be dropped off separately and others may be required to go to the landfill. This is what must begin to happen for the process of recycling to work effectively. Educate, recycle right, and enforce it. If this is accomplished the MRFs will be able to efficiently and consistently produce high quality recycled products that the customers of the world want and need.

We hope you support us in our ultimate mission of cleaning up the waste stream! Our industry is depending on it and it will take a massive unified effort. Thank you.

