



Paper & Cardboard

Flattened cardboard, newspaper, magazines, office paper and common mail can be recycled as long as they aren't contaminated by food, liquid or waste.

Break down cardboard boxes. It makes them easier to process and leaves more room for other recyclables.

Paper can't be recycled if it's mixed with other materials. Remove the bubble wrap or plastic windows before recycling padded packaging or security envelopes



Metal Cans

Before recycling food and drink cans, remove paper or plastic labels and clean out any residual materials.

Some metal cans have an insulated coating that might not be recyclable. When in doubt, throw it out!

Recyclables need to be washed and dry so they don't contaminate other items.



Plastic

While hard plastic containers like water bottles, milk jugs and detergent containers can go in your container, flexible plastics like grocery bags, bubble wrap and styrofoam require special handling and can't be recycled by the Town.

Lids are too small to recycle by themselves so put them on the containers or throw them away.

If you can poke your finger through the plastic, it doesn't belong in the recycling container.

Glass*

Clean Beverage containers

Clean Glass Food Jars





No Soiled or Wet Materials

One dirty item can contaminate an entire truckload, so make sure recyclables are empty, clean and dry.

Once cardboard or paper comes into contact with food or liquid, it can no longer be recycled.

Never allow more than one teaspoon of liquid to remain in a recyclable.



Don't Bag or Contain

Never bag or bundle your recyclables. Items should be placed in the container individually.

Plastic bags can get caught in the machinery causing delays and damage to equipment.

Bundled recyclables can't be sorted at the facility, so all of it ends up in a landfill.

No Connected or Mixed Materials

When two or more materials are connected they cannot be recycled as is, even if they're all recyclable.

If all of the mixed materials are recyclable, like a plastic package with a paper insert, separate the items and put them in your container individually.

If only part of the mixed material is recyclable, like a window envelope, separate the plastic portion from the paper and recycle the paper.

NEVER place these items in recycling container



No Plastic Bags & Wrappers

Plastic bags, plastic wrappers and flexible plastic packaging are too thin to be recycled. Reuse them in your home or return them to your local grocer for recycling.



No Styrofoam

Styrofoam can be great for reuse but not for recycling. Dispose of these items in your trash.



No Food

Food scraps must be disposed of with your trash, or composted where composting programs are offered.



No Electronics & Batteries

Electronics, batteries and light bulbs cannot go into your recycling container and require special handling. Check local programs for disposal options.



No Yard Waste

Yard waste must be disposed of with your trash or composted where composting programs are offered.



No Diapers

Clean or dirty diapers cannot be recycled. Dispose of them in your trash.



No Soiled Paper

Soiled or wet items are not recyclable and should be disposed of with your trash.



No Clothing & Shoes

Clothing items can be taken to a dedicated reuse collection location but cannot be placed in your recycling container.



No Tools

Tools and other hardware items may find a second life, but not if they're placed in your recycling container. Dispose of these items in your trash or give them away for reuse.



No Toys

While often made of plastic, toys cannot be placed in your recycling container. Donate these items or dispose of them in your trash.



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No Construction Waste

Wood, sheetrock and other home construction items cannot be recycled and should be disposed of in y