

Recycle these materials in your blue bin:

• These materials are banned from trash disposal • Must be clean, empty & dry • No food residue • Recyclers rock!

PAPER & CARDBOARD

CLEAN & DRY

MAIL, OFFICE PAPER, NEWSPAPERS,
BOXES, TUBES



No paper cups, paper towels, paper plates, or waxed paper. **No** stuck-on food. **No** padded envelopes. **No** stickers. **No** ice cream cartons. **No** beverage cartons (milk, juice, etc.)
Exception: beer & soda 6- & 12-packs.

PLASTIC

EMPTY & RINSED CLEAN

SINGLE-USE CONTAINERS



No bags, wraps, or bubble wrap.
No caps under 2" in diameter. **No** black plastic.
No durable plastics (toys, housewares, etc.).
No Styrofoam. **No** haz waste containers.

METAL

EMPTY & RINSED CLEAN

CANS, PIE PLATES & FOIL



Collect clean foil into a ball.
Must be at least 2" in diameter.

No propane tanks. **No** scrap metal.
No hazardous waste containers.

GLASS

EMPTY & RINSED CLEAN

BOTTLES & JARS

Lids are OK if separated from
container AND over 2" in diameter.



No light bulbs. **No** dishes. **No** glass panes or mirrors.

Questions & Answers

? Is there a size limit on recyclables?

A Items must be at least 2" on 2 dimensions & smaller than 2' on any one dimension.



? Do I really have to rinse clean?

A Yep. Recycling works because companies that buy them to make new products need them to be uncontaminated with food or beverages. **HINT:** Soak that peanut butter jar with rinse water from your dishes — it'll be easier to clean.

? What about pizza boxes?

A **Light grease stains:** OK to recycle. **Stuck-on food or dripping grease:** Nope. NOT recyclable. But it is compostable!

? Why no plastic bags in my recycling bin?

A They get tangled up in our equipment, causing facility shutdowns. Many grocery stores accept them for recycling.

? Why not gas canisters, car parts, etc.?

A Our facility is designed to handle only certain items. Metal hardware or household items can injure workers and damage equipment. CSWD Drop-Off Centers accept gas canisters for safe handling, and offer scrap metal bins for the rest.

? Why isn't Styrofoam recyclable?

A Not everything with a number is recyclable. Unfortunately, Styrofoam must go in the trash. Give packing peanuts to local shipping companies for reuse, and just say NO! to accepting Styrofoam whenever you can.

? Why aren't paper cups recyclable?

A They typically have a thin, plastic coating inside, plus drink residue. Neither is recyclable!

Got questions? Just ask! We've got answers.



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