

RECYCLE ITEMS: Do's and Do Not's

Acceptable Blue Bin Items	Non-Acceptable Blue Bin Items
Plastics 1-7 (Such as water bottles, detergent bottles, milk jugs, shampoo bottles, etc.)	Glass
Aluminum and steel (Such as soda cans, empty food cans, etc.)	Styrofoam
Paper (Such as magazines, junk mail, phone books, office paper, newspaper, etc.)	Green Waste (such as dirt, rocks, tree limbs, etc.)
Paperboard (Such as Cereal boxes, paper towel rolls, etc.)	Appliances (such as old computers, toasters, microwaves, etc.)
Corrugated Cardboard (Such as moving boxes, mail packaging, etc.)	Aerosol cans, paint cans, light bulbs

HELPFUL RECYCLING TIPS

- Food containers do not need to be washed thoroughly or even rinsed out. As long as food containers are scrapped clean they can be placed in your recycling bin.
- Plastic grocery bags are recyclable but are best left out of your recycling container. These light plastic bags are difficult to run through the sorting machinery at the recycling facility. Most major grocery stores (such as Smith's and Wal-Mart) drop off site for used grocery bags. Please recycle your grocery bags this way.
- The garbage and recycling truck looks the same—are my materials actually being recycled? Absolutely! On occasion, a driver may service a garbage route, empty his truck, and then service recycling containers. The same truck can service both types of cans (garbage and recycling) in the same day. The loads are never mixed, however. If you do see a driver dump a garbage can and a recycling container back to back, this is likely due to contamination in the recycle container. Please remember to follow the guidelines above.
- To make sure you have enough room for recyclables in your cart, remember to break down all larger items such as boxes and even milk jugs. Taking the extra time to break down your boxes will give you added space in your container.

