

RECYCLE

Other food containers

Recycle with care. If it's a clean looking paper plate, or even paper box it is probably ok. If it is saturated or has waste beyond a few crumbs, please reconsider. If it has a enough residual food to cause an odor or attract bugs, that's a sign to trash it.

Anything with food waste can be hazardous to the recycling process.

Pizza boxes



A little grease on the bottom of an otherwise clean box is fine. A little less being less than a handprint. When in doubt tear off the greasy or cheesy part and place in the trash, then recycle the clean top of the box.

Cardboard boxes

Always flatten before placing in recycling bins. Remove any Styrofoam or other packing materials. Often if it's hard to take out the whole box will go in the landfill.

Aluminum is 100% recyclable.

Aluminum cans



But the bauxite used to make the aluminum is finite. Every can that goes into the trash is an utter waste, and YES even aluminum foil that is clean is infinitely recyclable. It requires about 95% less energy to recycle aluminum than extracting bauxite.

Junk mail

Just be sure to remove the fake plastic cards that get sent. That plastic isn't recyclable and can be harmful if mixed in with papers. Window envelopes are ok, store receipts are ok, but the plastic that covers a newspaper or magazine is not.

Always be sure to wash your glass, plastics and cartons before recycling. If you wouldn't want it to sit in your kitchen with the amount of food residue it has, then it shouldn't go into your recycling either. Leave plastic caps on so that they can get sliced with the plastic bottles or paper cartons. This makes it easier for mechanical separations later.



TRASH

- Plastic utensils, napkins, paper towels or tissues.
- Disposable coffee cups. They are usually coated in wax and won't break down in water during the recycling process. The plastic lid is also non-recyclable unless stated.
- Pill bottles shorter than an index finger. These will likely end up in the glass pile and get discarded. Only larger bottles make it through process.
- Any plastic labeled #6
- Containers that contained hazardous materials such as anti-freeze, pesticides, motor oil, paint, etc.
- Scrap metal
- Light bulbs, broken dishes or drinking glasses
- Mirrors and window glass.

TIPS:

PLASTIC BAGS tangle machinery. Keep any type of plastic bag or film out of your curbside cart and take them to your grocery store!



Shred Lightly!! Paper has a lifespan of seven or eight cycles. Shredding takes away one of it's lives. Be selective with what you shred and if you must, place shredding in a paper bag and staple closed.