

Recycling Guidelines

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DO RECYCLE

PAPER, PLASTIC, METAL & GLASS can all be mixed together.

PAPER

- All Clean Cardboard, Paperboard & Pizza Boxes
- Newspapers & Inserts
- Magazines
- Mail & Catalogs
- Paper Bags
- Office Paper & Envelopes
- Wrapping Paper
- Phone Books
- Hard Cover Books
- Paper Plates (*clean*)
- Milk & Juice Cartons
- Drink Boxes & Aseptic Containers
- Shredded Paper (put in clear bags)

PLASTIC

- Water Bottles
- Milk Jugs
- Detergent Bottles
- All rigid containers marked with a #1-#7 (except Styrofoam®)

METAL

- Tin Cans
- Aerosol Cans (empty)
- Aluminum Cans/Foil
- Pots & Pans

GLASS

- All glass Bottles & Jars (all colors, caps on)

All containers must be **EMPTY**, but not perfectly clean. A light rinse will do.

DON'T RECYCLE

Note Size:

Anything bigger than a 5-gallon bucket is not recyclable.



Trash/Garbage
Needles & Sharps
No Large metal parts
car, boat, truck, etc.
Wood/lumber
Propane, helium or other gas cylinders
Piping, plastic or metal
Clothing & shoes

Plastic bags:
▪ shopping bags
▪ frozen vegetable
▪ bread or sandwich
▪ newspaper bags
▪ chips or snack
▪ trash bags

Plastic wrap or film
Garden hoses
Batteries, alkaline or button-cell
Boat shrink-wrap/tarps
Bubble-wrap
Diapers
Envelopes that are plastic or Tyvek®
Food (compost it)
Kitty litter
Knives
Light bulbs (any type; return CFLs to store)
Paper napkins/towels
Styrofoam® or polystyrene foam (even if marked #6)
Toys
Vinyl siding
Waxed paper / boxes

Got more questions?

ecomaine.org

or call us at
207-773-1738

Know Which Plastics to Recycle

With the exception of polystyrene (Styrofoam), your plastic is recyclable if the answer to all three of these questions is **YES**:

1. Does it have a number (1-7) in the middle of the chasing arrow symbol?

2. Is it rigid or hard?

3. Is it a container?



Many supermarkets & retail stores accept plastic bags and film for recycling. Find drop-off locations at plasticfilmrecycling.org.

No hazardous waste – ever!

The following items, categorized as "hazardous waste" must be disposed of carefully and cannot be included with your trash or with single-sort recycling:

- ✗ Ammunition
- ✗ Anti-freeze
- ✗ Button-cell batteries
- ✗ CFL light bulbs (compact fluorescent lights)
- ✗ Chemicals
- ✗ Computers & related parts
- ✗ Fertilizers
- ✗ Fluorescent bulbs (of any kind)
- ✗ Fuel (gasoline, diesel, kerosene)
- ✗ Mercury (in any amount)
- ✗ Oxygen tanks
- ✗ Paint thinner
- ✗ Pesticides
- ✗ Propane tanks
- ✗ Rechargeable batteries
- ✗ TVs

However, area transfer stations and recycling centers often offer programs to take this kind of waste.

For more information:

- Go to www.ecomaine.org
- Call ecomaine at 773-1738
- Call your town office or transfer station

Still unsure if it will recycle?

Send us your recycling question at ecomaine.org.

