

Guidelines for Recycling in Your Curbside Bin

Guidelines	PAPER 	PLASTIC	METAL	GLASS
Examples of Items Acceptable in Curbside Bins	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Brown paper bags ✓ Cardboard ✓ Cartons (e.g. milk and juice) ✓ Cereal boxes, shoe boxes ✓ Envelopes  ✓ Magazines, catalogs ✓ Manilla file folders ✓ Newspaper, inserts, coupons ✓ Paper, flyers ✓ Unwanted mail ✓ Pizza boxes (without pizza) ✓ Soft covered books ✓ Wrapping paper, plain 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ All “containers” (#1 and #2 preferred) ✓ Beverage bottles (e.g. water, milk, soft drinks) ✓ Fruit and vegetable containers (spinach, berries) ✓ Food containers (margarine, cottage cheese, mayonnaise) ✓ Shampoo, soap, laundry detergent bottles 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Aluminum drink cans ✓ Steel food cans (with lids attached or loose) ✓ Aerosol cans (caps removed) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Bottles and jars only, all colors 
How to Prepare Material	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Flatten ✓ Discard plastic screw on lids from cartons ✓ Remove contaminates when easy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Rinse ✓ Reattach plastic screw-on lids to plastic bottles and jars ✓ Discard pop-off lids and pumps 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Rinse ✓ Leave food lids partially attached, insert lid and dent can or leave lid loose ✓ Leave tabs attached to aluminum beverage cans ✓ Remove and discard plastic caps and nozzles from aerosol cans 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Rinse ✓ Discard lids (metal, plastic, corks, etc.)
Acceptable Contamination	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Clear view cover on envelopes ✓ Metal clasps on envelopes ✓ Tape on cardboard 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Paper labels 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Paper labels 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Paper labels
Contaminants to Remove and Discard	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> X Plastic lids on cardboard cartons 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> X Pop-off lids and pumps 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> X Food and beverages 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> X All lids X Food and beverages
Examples of Items NOT Acceptable in Curbside Bins	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> X Any paper post-it note size or smaller X Diapers X Hard cover books X Padded envelopes X Paper plates, cups X Paper towels, napkins, tissues X Photographs X Shredded paper X Wrapping paper with foil or glitter 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> X Hangers, hoses and other long, thin items X Food storage bags X Pill bottles and other items palm size or smaller X Plastic grocery bags (empty or full) X Rigid plastics (e.g. kids’ toys) X Single use cups, silverware, plates, straws 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> X Aluminum foil, pans, trays X Appliances X Automobile parts X Cookie sheets X Electronics X Hangers X Paper clips X Pots and pans X Scrap metal X Spiral binding 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> X Anything flat, plate, or chemically treated X Dishware X Light bulbs X Mirrors X Windows
Other Materials NOT accepted in Curbside Recycling Bins: Styrofoam, ceramics, hazardous materials (e.g. needles, chemicals, automotive fluids, fire extinguishers)				