
Recycling Quick Guide

Recycling requires little energy or preparation, it's easy and benefits the environment. If you have an item that is not listed below, and you are not sure it is recyclable, don't include it. Don't risk "contaminating" the recycling process. Republic Services encourages you to find alternative recycling sources for items not currently part of our recycling program.



PAPER

Newspaper

including inserts

Magazines/Catalogs

discarded mail, envelopes
windowed envelopes, fliers,
writing, typing, and computer
paper

Brown Bags

grocery bags

Boxboard

cereal boxes, tissue boxes

Phone Books

Cardboard

broken down and/or cut to fit in
a grocery bag and place in bin

How to Prepare:

place clean material in
a paper grocery bag and
place in bin

Don't Include:

waxed or soiled paper materials
napkins, paper towel and
plates, carbon paper
pizza boxes



GLASS

clear, brown, green and blue
glass bottles and jars

How to Prepare:

remove lids and rinse
clean, place in bin

Don't Include:

Pyrex ceramic plates, cups, etc.
light bulbs, mirrors
window glass



METALS

tin & steel cans
aluminum
beverage cans
aluminum foil
EMPTY aerosol cans
pie plates, TV dinner trays

How to Prepare:

empty and rinse cans
to remove food residue
flatten if possible, place
in bin

Don't Include:

cans used for paints
cans with aluminum foil
attached to plastic
jar or bottle lids or caps



PLASTICS

Plastic Containers with the #1-7 symbols

milk jugs, detergent bottles
water bottles, butter tubs
yogurt cups, flower pots
shampoo bottles, etc.

How to Prepare:

rinse clean
place in bin
remove all caps

Don't Include:

polystyrene
plastic bags
disposable diapers
plastic film
deli containers

Note: If your recycling bin is tagged and left with remaining materials, these items are not acceptable and should be disposed of with your regular household waste.

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