



# MIXED RECYCLING GUIDE

Place your mixed recycling into your brown cart and roll it out to the street by 6:00 a.m. on your regular recycling day.

## DON'T LET CONTAMINATION RUIN RECYCLING

Contamination is the term used to describe anything that renders your recycling non-recyclable during processing. Contaminated material will likely end up in landfill.

Contamination occurs when:

- Non-recyclable items are put in collection carts
- Food waste (solid or liquid) in recyclable containers has not been thoroughly cleaned or rinsed, soiling paper products into which it comes in contact.
- Bags of recyclables are dropped into carts rather than dumping the recyclables in loose. Bags are NOT torn open at the processing plants so the bag and all its contents end up in the trash.

## RECYCLING CHECKLIST

- All food waste must be wiped clean or rinsed from containers. All liquids must be poured out.
- Do not bag recyclables, they should be put loose into the cart
- Do not put any garbage, yard waste or hazardous wastes in your brown recycling cart.

## ✓ ACCEPTED MATERIAL

### MIXED PAPER AND CARDBOARD

- Mixed paper: such as newspaper, junk mail, magazines, catalogs, paperback books, phone books
- Office paper: any color, envelopes (envelopes with windows okay)
- Paperboard: such as cereal boxes (liners removed), shoe boxes
- Corrugated cardboard (please flatten into 4' x 4' bundles)
- *Do not include: soiled paper, wax or plastic-coated paper, tissues, paper towels, photographs or hardcover books*

### GLASS BOTTLES AND JARS

- Food and beverage bottles and jars in any color.
- Empty and rinse. No need to remove labels. No corks, lids or caps.
- *Do not include: ceramics, Pyrex, stemware, light bulbs, window glass, or mirrors*

### PLASTIC CONTAINERS

- Plastic bottles, jugs, tubs & take-out food containers.
- Okay to leave labels and caps on.
- Empty and rinse.
- *Do not include: Styrofoam, plastic bags, plastic film, PVC pipe*

### METAL CANS

- Aluminum Cans
- Steel Cans
- Tin and bi-metal cans: aerosol & metal paint cans are accepted if completely empty and dry.
- Empty and rinse before recycling. No need to remove labels.
- *Do not include: scrap metal, propane tanks, hangers or containers with liquid*

**Please note:** We are no longer able to accept milk cartons or aseptic packaging such as the boxed soy milk, wine, soup or juice containers for recycling. These items should be put into the trash.

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