



# THE "YES AND NO" OF WHAT CAN GO IN THE RECYCLING BOXES



YES	NO			
<p><b><u>Aluminum</u></b> <i>Empty and rinse.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ cans</li><li>➤ aluminum foil</li><li>➤ pie pans, aluminum trays</li></ul>	siding scrap metal foil-wrapped beverage pouches (Capri Sun) pots & pans utensils tools			
<p><b><u>Steel (tin) cans</u></b> <i>Empty and rinse. Labels do not need to be removed.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ food and beverage cans (metal lids OK)</li><li>➤ pet food, soup cans (metal lids OK)</li><li>➤ EMPTY aerosol spray cans (food, laundry, beauty)</li></ul>	hangers scrap metal paint cans pots & pans utensils tools	toys appliances pipes fuel tanks car parts	aerosol spray cans that contained hazardous products: spray paint, insecticides, etc.	
<p><b><u>Glass</u></b> <i>Empty and rinse. Discard lids in trash. Labels do not need to be removed.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ food and beverage bottles and jars</li></ul>	ceramics baking dishes dishware drinking glasses broken glass	cookware (Pyrex) coffee mugs medicine bottles plate glass mirrors	light bulbs fluorescent lights eye glasses vases holiday lights	windows glass art wine corks canning jars
<p><b><u>Plastics</u></b> <i>Empty and rinse. Caps and lids OK if left on. ONLY containers smaller than 2.5 gallons are recyclable.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ food containers: margarine, yogurt, cooking oil, condiments, peanut butter</li><li>➤ beverage bottles and jugs: soda, water, juice, milk</li><li>➤ detergent bottles, dish soap bottles</li><li>➤ personal care bottles: shampoo, soap, etc.</li><li>➤ clear plastic clamshells (no black or Styrofoam)</li></ul>	plastic bags plastic wrap/ cling wrap Styrofoam (polystyrene) cups/ take-out containers cups, plates, utensils, straws cookie trays black plastic liners from food packaging compostable plastics cellophane food bags (e.g., candy bars, cookies, pasta) frozen food bags/pouches	meat trays egg cartons medicine & pill bottles “packing” peanuts foam packing packaging of any kind laundry baskets toys flower pots 5-gallon pails; buckets VCR tapes, CDs, cases tarps	containers that contained motor oil, anti-freeze, pesticides, pool chemicals or other hazardous substances curbside/other plastic bins dry cleaner/garment bags indoor/outdoor/patio furniture swimming pools hoses; PVC piping or tubing containers bigger than 2.5 gallons Nalgene water bottles holiday lights	
<p><b><u>Cartons</u></b> <i>Empty, rinse, &amp; flatten. Throw away caps &amp; straws. Recycle with containers, not with paper.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ milk and juice cartons (plastic spout OK)</li><li>➤ soymilk, soup and drink boxes (remove straws)</li></ul>	foil-wrapped pouches (Capri Sun) frozen juice cartons frozen food packaging plastic straws			
<p><b><u>Paper</u></b> <i>Clean paper only. Flatten boxes. “Windows” in envelopes, staples, paper clips, tape all OK</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ newspaper, inserts, magazines, junk mail</li><li>➤ white, colored, glossy, and construction paper</li><li>➤ shredded paper—put in paper bag</li><li>➤ corrugated cardboard, <b>clean</b> pizza boxes (no grease or food)</li><li>➤ boxboard (for example, cereal boxes)</li><li>➤ gift wrap, gift bags, cards, gift tissue paper (no metallic inks, foil, wire, glitter)</li><li>➤ paperback books and phonebooks</li></ul>	soda, beer cartons paper cups paper plates egg cartons frozen juice cartons take-out containers	butter, margarine boxes paper towels, napkins tissues Tyvek or padded envelopes hardcover books stickers & sticker sheeting	glossy boxes that show white strands when torn (frozen food boxes) blueprints dirtied paper (pet waste, paint) copy paper packaging	

