GET CART SMART

Everyone knows bottles and cans go in the recycling bin, but the following items are often mistaken as curbside recyclables. When in doubt, throw it out!

STRAIGHT TO THE LANDFILL

Refuse, reduce, reuse, or re-purpose these items — otherwise put them in the trash.

Aerosol cans
Aerosol cans are a fire hazard. Take them to a hazardous waste drop-off center. If empty, send to the landfill.

Ceramic items
Ceramic is a hard material to sort and can’t be remanufactured.

Pumps or tubes
They are made of multiple materials that can’t be separated for recycling.

Receipts
This type of thin “paper” can contain non-recyclable layers and chemicals.

Styrofoam
Styrofoam breaks down into tiny pieces in the recycling machinery.

Tanglers
Cords, hoses, wires, plastic gloves, etc. get caught in the recycling machinery.

NON-CURBSIDE RECYCLABLES

While these items are NOT accepted in your curbside recycling, there are other ways to keep them out of the landfill. Call your local recycling convenience center to find out if they accept these items and more!

Appliances
Take appliances to a convenience center.

Electronics
Take computers, televisions and other electronics to a convenience center.

Clothing and textiles
Donate clothing and textiles to a convenience center or thrift store.

Hazardous waste
Take to a convenience center or call 877-623-6748 for other drop-off locations.

Medical waste
Call your local public health department for medical disposal information.

Plastic bags and wrap
Return clean, dry plastic bags, wraps and packaging to the grocery store.

Paper towels and napkins
Compost paper towels and napkins; this paper is too thin to recycle and often, too dirty.

Food waste
Place food waste in your compost.
IT’S ALL ABOUT SHAPE AND SIZE

Recycling sorting machines recognize the shape of containers and “see” bottles, tubs, jugs, jars, cans, cartons and paper. If it isn’t one of these shapes, it doesn’t belong in the recycling bin. Size matters, too. If the material is tiny, the machines have to filter it out. If it is too big, it hurts the machinery.

PLASTIC
Bottles, tubs, jugs and jars
- No lids, straws, single-use cups, six-pack rings, to-go containers or pouches
- No pumps
- Empty and rinse

METAL
All cans
- Empty and rinse

GLASS
Bottles and jars
- Empty and rinse

No mirrors, windows or glassware

PAPER
Paper, cartons and cardboard
- Flatten cardboard

No small paper pieces and packaging, or shredded paper

YES, PLEASE
Please screw on caps.
Please recycle only clean pizza boxes.
Please recycle paper egg cartons.
Please recycle clean aluminum foil.

NO, THANKS
No lids. Place in trash.
No greasy pizza boxes. Place in compost.
No Styrofoam or plastic egg cartons. Place in trash.
No dirty aluminum foil. Rinse and reuse, or place in trash.

Do you know NOT to bag your recyclables when placing them in the cart? Here are other actions you can take to prepare your recyclables for the recycling facility. Keep recycling right! Get Cart Smart!