



What should you put in your recycling bin



Recycle in Houston

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3 basic rules

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Always Empty

Always remove all contents from plastic and glass containers, cans and cartons. Liquid can contaminate other recyclables like paper.

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Rinse & Clean

Containers don't need to be spotless but free from most food residue to avoid contamination.

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No Plastic Bags

Do not bag recyclables. Do not place plastic bags or plastic wrap in the recycling bin. Instead, take them to your local grocery store.



Plastic Bottles & Containers

Empty and clean rigid plastic containers such as:

water, milk and juice bottles; vegetables packaging trays; detergent and cleaner containers; take-out containers; yoghurt, cottage cheese and margarine tubs; squeezable bottles; shampoo and mouthwash bottles

Remove cap and place in the recycling bin.

NO flexible plastic (such as apple sauce pouch).

NO styrofoam (plastic #6 - check website for recycling locations).

NO plastic utensils.



Paper, Cardboard & Magazine

Loose, dry and unsoiled paper such as:

paperboard boxes like cereal, cookies, snack, crackers, pasta; magazines, newspapers, phonebooks, paperback books; toilet and kitchen paper rolls; envelopes, mail and office paper; corrugated cardboard

NO paper or cardboard contaminated with food.

NO pizza boxes (they are contaminated).

NO tissue or kitchen paper.

NO compostable take-out boxes.

NO paper cup (paper cups have plastic lining inside).



Aluminum & Tin Cans

Rinsed and drained aluminum beverage cans and tin food cans such as:

soup, veggie, tuna cans; cookies and candies tin cans.

Disposable aluminum bakeware is accepted if clean.



Beverage & Food Cartons

Rinsed and drained beverage and food cartons such as:

milk, juice, cream, soup cartons

Remove cap and place in the recycling bin.



Glass

Empty glass bottles and jars.

NO mirror or window glass.

NO ceramics such as dishware, ovenware and decorative items.

NO light bulbs (check website for recycling locations).

Metal cap should be removed and placed in the recycling bin (they are recyclable).



and
NO clothes
NO water hose
NO wire
NO diapers
NO food ...



Place yard waste - grass clippings, leaves and small branches - in a city approved compostable bag (available in grocery store). Bags are collected on same day as garbage collection.



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