

Accepted Recycling Materials

- **Corrugated Cardboard**

Break down, remove any contaminants (Styrofoam, wood or food) and place cardboard inside or under your blue bags. Clean pizza boxes/lids with no grease/cheese are accepted.

NOT ACCEPTED: wax-coated boxes, paper plates.

- **Plastic Bottles & Jugs**

Household items with #1 through #7 accepted, including bottles and jugs with narrow, threaded neck; plastic tubs (margarine, sour cream, etc.), microwave trays, and yogurt containers. Caps & labels do not need to be removed.

- **NOT ACCEPTED:** Paper- or wax-coated milk or juice cartons, Styrofoam containers/packaging, syringes, IV bags, garden hoses/rubber tubing, landscape plant containers, barrels, free-flowing liquids, plastic utensils & straws/stir sticks, chip bags, plastic food or carton wrapping, plastic zip-top bags or plastic/vinyl inflatables. Bulky, rigid plastics are also not accepted; these commonly include plastic totes/lids, buckets or pails, toys, pools, lawn furniture, plastic fencing and plastic laundry baskets. Plastic bags (grocery, retail store, bread & dry-cleaning) are also not accepted. These items cause contamination when mixed with other recyclables and can cause disruption to the recycling process and damage to recycling equipment. Recyclables should be placed loose in the blue recycling bags, not in plastic bags. Bags may be taken to local grocery retailers to be recycled.

- **Mixed Paper**

Newspaper, magazines, direct “junk” mail, first-class mail, postcards, other printing and writing papers, phone books, manuals, instruction guides, envelopes (with plastic windows removed), brown paper bags, and wrapping paper (no foil or flocked paper). Place loose in blue recycling bags. Customers should shred only what is necessary & place shredding in a clear plastic bag inside the blue recycling bag.

NOT ACCEPTED: Paper towels, string, twine, stickers, sticky notes, coins or plastic stuck on papers.

- **Tin Cans & Aluminum**

Tin, steel, bi-metal and aluminum cans, empty aerosol cans & aluminum foil. Rinse clean and flatten.

NOT ACCEPTED: Beverage containers w/ MI Deposit, paint cans, appliances, wire hangers, scrap metal, metal fencing, metal cookware, or containers with food residue.

- **Boxboard**

Boxboard includes items like tissue, cereal and shoe boxes; paper towel, toilet tissue and wrapping paper rolls; egg cartons (boxboard ones only- no Styrofoam); and 6- 12-, 24-, 30- or 36-pack beverage cases. Break down, flatten and remove any contaminants (food, plastic or foil packaging).

NOT ACCEPTED: Boxes coated with plastic, Styrofoam, wax or foil that held liquids or food (milk, soy & almond milk, creamer, broth or juice boxes); and refrigerator or freezer boxes.

- **Food and Beverage Glass**

Accepted items include clear and colored glass jars and bottles. Rinse clean and remove lids and metal rings. Metal lids may be placed in your blue bags, but must be removed from the jar or bottle. Labels may be left on containers.

NOT ACCEPTED: Window panes, light bulbs (incandescent, fluorescent, CFL or others), Pyrex or other microwave-safe cookware and bakeware, plate or automobile glass, drinking glasses, cups, bowls or plates, ceramics, mirrors and CRT glass (TV or computer monitor screens).

- **Other Items NOT Accepted**

Electronics, electric cords, wires, clothing, plastic tarps, chains, metal spines from notebooks, holiday light strings, household or other batteries, hazardous materials, and any container that held hazardous liquids, powders or gases (including propane & helium tanks & un-empty aerosol cans, paint, stain & automotive fluid cans & bottles).