

Don't just recycle...



# RECYCLE RIGHT!

Placing things in a blue bin that aren't recyclable harms the program. Please do not look for "recycling symbols" on packages as they do not reflect local recycling capabilities.

## ONLY RECYCLE THESE THINGS:

### METAL



Empty food and beverage cans.

### GLASS



Empty bottles and jars.

### PAPER



Clean paper, cartons and cardboard.

### PLASTIC



Empty bottles, tubs, jars and jugs.

Do not place recyclables in bags. Materials must be loose!



**NO OTHER ITEMS BELONG IN A COUNTY BLUE BIN.**

When in doubt, throw it out in the trash.

(See other side for more information.)

*Thank you!*

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# NOT RECYCLABLE

*...in a County blue bin!*

To be placed in a blue bin, an item must meet three criteria: 1) It must be able to be collected efficiently. 2) There must be processes available to sort it. 3) A market must exist to buy and use the material. If something can't be efficiently collected, sorted or sold, it isn't accepted for recycling.

## THESE THINGS ARE **NOT** RECYCLABLE IN A BLUE BIN:

Other drop-off recycling programs may exist for some things, but none of these can be placed in a blue bin.



**NO RECYCLING  
IN BAGS!**

Loose materials only.



**Plastic Bags**

Return recyclable bags  
to retail drop-offs.



**Shredded Paper**



**"Tangles"**

(hoses, cords, chains, etc.)



**Soiled Paper  
or Cardboard**

(such as pizza boxes)



**Food Wrappers,  
Box Liners and  
Chip Bags**



**Plastic Bins and  
Hinged Containers**  
(such as produce bins  
and takeout containers)



**Paper Towels,  
Napkins or  
Wet/Dirty Paper**



**Tanks or  
Scrap Metal**

(only metal cans are  
recyclable in a blue bin)



**Cups, Plates or  
Cutlery of Any Kind**



**Food or Yard  
Waste**



**YUCK**  
**Trash, Food,  
Diapers, Cigarettes,  
Napkins, etc.**



To adapt to the changing needs of the global recycling industry, local programs sometimes adjust rules and procedures. Thank you for being informed and recycling right! You can always find up-to-date information:



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