



Recycling guide

Paper

- Mail, office and school papers
- Magazines and catalogs
- Newspapers and inserts
- Paperback books



Boxes

- Cardboard
- Cereal and cracker boxes
- Shoe and gift boxes
- Toothpaste, medication and other toiletry boxes

Cartons

- Milk cartons
- Juice boxes
- Soup, broth and wine cartons



Glass

- Food and beverage bottles and jars



Preparation instructions

Items should be clean and empty – give them a quick rinse before recycling.

Don't bag your recyclables – place them loose in your recycling cart.

Don't crush cans, plastic bottles or cartons.

Plastic

Bottles and jugs

- Water, soda and juice bottles
- Milk and juice jugs
- Ketchup and salad dressing bottles
- Dishwashing bottles and detergent jugs
- Shampoo, soap and lotion bottles



Cups and containers

- Yogurt, pudding and fruit cups
- Clear disposable cups and bowls
- Margarine, cottage cheese and other containers
- Produce, deli and takeout containers



Metal

- Food and beverage cans
- Aluminum foil and trays
- Decorative tins and pie tin



Not accepted

- Batteries and electronics
- Containers that held hazardous products
- Dishes, drinking glasses, windows and mirrors
- Freezer boxes and paper ice cream tubs
- Hoses, cords and string lights
- Paper cups and plates
- Paper or foam egg cartons
- Paper towels and napkins
- Plastic bags, film and wrap
- Plastic foam (Styrofoam™)
- Plastic utensils and straws
- Shredded paper

Recycle smart

Know what goes in your recycling cart

The best way to support recycling is to recycle the right stuff. Putting items in your recycling cart that aren't accepted can interfere with the recycling process, damage equipment, harm workers and ultimately result in things not getting recycled. If you aren't sure an item can be recycled, contact the city or put it in the garbage.

Keep these items out of your recycling cart



Bags of recyclables: Don't put your recycling in bags. Place recycling loose in your cart.



Plastic bags and film: These items get tangled in the equipment at sorting facilities. Bring to a retail drop-off to be recycled.



Large plastic items: Plastic lawn furniture and toys are difficult to sort at recycling facilities and there aren't good markets for recycling them.



Random metal items: Pots, pans, pipes, hangers, tools and other random metal items can damage equipment and harm workers at sorting facilities. Scrap metal can be recycled, just not inside your recycling cart. Visit www.stlouispark.org/recycling for more options.



Batteries: Batteries can cause fires in recycling trucks and at sorting facilities. Bring batteries to a Hennepin County drop-off facility in Bloomington or Brooklyn Park to be recycled.



Paper cups and plates and plastic utensils and straws: These items are often contaminated with food, are difficult to sort at recycling facilities and don't have good recycling markets. Avoid them by opting for reusable items.

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