

What goes in the recycling cart?

Yes Put these items in your recycling cart.



Milk jugs



Plastic bottles
(necks smaller than base)



Paper milk-style cartons



Phone books



Shredded paper



Mail, magazines, mixed
paper and catalogs



Metal cans



Aluminum cans



Newspaper & inserts



Paper bags



Cereal boxes



Cardboard



Paper or frozen food boxes

No DO NOT put these items in your recycling cart.

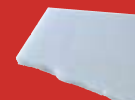
No Styrofoam or Plastic Bags!



Styrofoam
peanuts



Styrofoam
containers



Styrofoam
blocks



Plastic bags



Glass



Batteries



Pill bottles



Toxic product
containers



Plastic tubs



Plastic lids & caps



Frozen food bags



Juice boxes



Foil



Food-contaminated
paper plates and
napkins



Plastic cups



Glassware



Ceramics



Light bulbs



Metal hangers



Chip bags



Aerosol cans

Preparing recyclables is easy

- Recyclables should be clean, rinsed, dry and empty. (Milk sours, leaving odors in the cart. It can also contaminate the paper.)
- Rinse containers with water and leave no food residue.
- Do not bag items, unless it is shredded paper. Put shredded paper in a paper bag and roll down the top.
- Labels can stay on.
- Plastic lids and caps must come off. Throw them away.
- Never throw needles, or containers that hold needles, in your recycling cart. In addition to contamination, you put the employees who sort at risk.



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PLASTIC BAGS WILL CAUSE MACHINERY TO JAM! Place plastic bags in garbage or recycle them at your local grocery store.