

# 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.

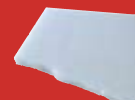
**No Styrofoam or Plastic Bags!**



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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[www.piercecountywa.org/recycle](http://www.piercecountywa.org/recycle)

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