

# HOW-TO GUIDE



# for Single-Stream RECYCLING

Single-Stream is EASY! Everything goes in one bin – NO SORTING! Follow this guide to make sure ONLY recyclable materials get put into the recycling bin.



## Plastic

must have #1-#7 symbol on it  
be rigid (no plastic bags, plastic wrap, etc.)  
be a container  
empty and rinse



**Yes** ✓

milk & juice jugs  
detergent bottles  
food containers  
all rigid containers  
marked #1-#7

**No** ✗

plastic bags! (shopping, frozen food, zip-lock, animal feed, soil, etc.)  
bubble-wrap, shrink-wrap  
plastic envelopes  
to-go cup lids



## Paper Cartons

empty and rinse, remove plastic caps

milk & juice cartons  
drink boxes  
aseptic containers

wax-coated  
paperboard



## Cardboard & Mixed Paper

must be clean and dry  
(no greasy-gross pizza or food boxes)

all clean cardboard  
paperboard boxes  
newspapers, mail  
catalogs, paper bags  
office paper, envelopes  
wrapping paper, books  
phone books, clean  
paper plates, shredded  
paper (in clear bag)

wax-coated card-  
board  
shredded paper  
that's NOT in a  
clear plastic bag  
(bag gets sorted out  
by hand at recycling  
center)



## Glass

jars and bottles, all colors  
empty and rinse (if containing solids)  
remove caps

clear & colored  
glass bottles & jars

window glass



## Metal

tin and aluminum  
empty and rinse

tin cans  
aluminum cans & clean  
non-balled-up foil  
empty aerosol cans  
(cooking spray, paint, etc.)  
pots & pans, jar lids

scrap metal  
regular paint cans  
gas cylinders of  
ANY size

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