



THE "YES AND NO" OF WHAT CAN GO IN THE RECYCLING BOXES



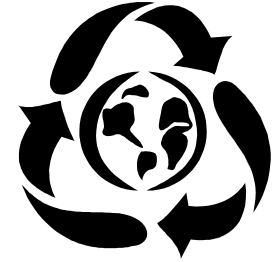
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| <p align="center">Aluminum <i>Empty and rinse.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ cans ➤ foil ➤ pie pans | siding scrap foil-wrapped beverage pouches | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <p align="center">Steel (tin) cans <i>Empty and rinse. Labels do not need to be removed.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ food and beverage cans ➤ pet food cans | <table border="0"> <tr> <td>hangers</td> <td>toys</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>scrap metal</td> <td>appliances</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>aerosol spray cans</td> <td>pipes</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>paint cans</td> <td>pots & pans</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>car parts</td> <td>fuel tanks</td> <td></td> </tr> </table> | | | hangers | toys | | scrap metal | appliances | | aerosol spray cans | pipes | | paint cans | pots & pans | | car parts | fuel tanks | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| <p align="center">Glass <i>Empty and rinse. Discard lids in trash. Labels do not need to be removed.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ food and beverage bottles and jars | <table border="0"> <tr> <td>ceramics</td> <td>cookware (Pyrex)</td> <td>light bulbs</td> <td>windows</td> </tr> <tr> <td>baking dishes</td> <td>coffee mugs</td> <td>fluorescent lights</td> <td>glass art</td> </tr> <tr> <td>dishware</td> <td>medicine bottles</td> <td>mirrors</td> <td>eye glasses</td> </tr> <tr> <td>drinking glasses</td> <td>plate glass</td> <td>vases</td> <td>wine corks</td> </tr> </table> | | | ceramics | cookware (Pyrex) | light bulbs | windows | baking dishes | coffee mugs | fluorescent lights | glass art | dishware | medicine bottles | mirrors | eye glasses | drinking glasses | plate glass | vases | wine corks | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| <p align="center">Plastics <i>ONLY containers smaller than 2.5 gallons are recyclable. Empty and rinse. Discard caps in trash.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ food containers: margarine, yogurt, cooking oil, condiments, peanut butter ➤ beverage bottles and jugs: soda, water, juice, milk ➤ detergent bottles ➤ personal care bottles: shampoo, soap, conditioner | <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Styrofoam (polystyrene)</td> <td>egg cartons</td> <td>bottles that contained motor</td> </tr> <tr> <td>take-out food containers</td> <td>medicine & pill bottles</td> <td>oil, anti-freeze, pesticides,</td> </tr> <tr> <td>cups, plates, utensils, straws</td> <td>"packing" peanuts</td> <td>pool chemicals or other</td> </tr> <tr> <td>bags</td> <td>foam packing</td> <td>hazardous substances</td> </tr> <tr> <td>plastic wrap/sheeting</td> <td>packaging of any kind</td> <td>curbside/other plastic bins</td> </tr> <tr> <td>cartons/trays (berry</td> <td>clothes baskets</td> <td>dry cleaner/garment bags</td> </tr> <tr> <td>containers, cookie trays)</td> <td>toys</td> <td>indoor/outdoor/patio furniture</td> </tr> <tr> <td>liners from food packaging</td> <td>flower pots</td> <td>swimming pools</td> </tr> <tr> <td>cellophane food bags (e.g.,</td> <td>black plastic</td> <td>hoses; PVC piping or tubing</td> </tr> <tr> <td>candy bars, cookies, pasta)</td> <td>5-gallon pails; buckets</td> <td>containers bigger than 2 gallons</td> </tr> <tr> <td>frozen food bags/pouches</td> <td>VCR, CD cases</td> <td>nalgene water bottles</td> </tr> <tr> <td>meat trays</td> <td>tarps</td> <td></td> </tr> </table> | | | Styrofoam (polystyrene) | egg cartons | bottles that contained motor | take-out food containers | medicine & pill bottles | oil, anti-freeze, pesticides, | cups, plates, utensils, straws | "packing" peanuts | pool chemicals or other | bags | foam packing | hazardous substances | plastic wrap/sheeting | packaging of any kind | curbside/other plastic bins | cartons/trays (berry | clothes baskets | dry cleaner/garment bags | containers, cookie trays) | toys | indoor/outdoor/patio furniture | liners from food packaging | flower pots | swimming pools | cellophane food bags (e.g., | black plastic | hoses; PVC piping or tubing | candy bars, cookies, pasta) | 5-gallon pails; buckets | containers bigger than 2 gallons | frozen food bags/pouches | VCR, CD cases | nalgene water bottles | meat trays | tarps | |
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| <p align="center">Cartons <i>Empty, rinse, & flatten. Recycle with containers, not paper.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ milk and juice cartons ➤ soymilk, soup and drink boxes | foil-wrapped pouches frozen juice cartons frozen food packaging plastic straws | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <p align="center">Paper <i>Clean paper only. Flatten boxes. "Windows" in envelopes, staples, paper clips, tape OK</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ newspaper, inserts, magazines, junk mail ➤ white, colored, glossy, and construction paper ➤ shredded paper—put in paper bag ➤ corrugated cardboard, clean pizza boxes (<i>no grease or food</i>) ➤ boxboard (for example, cereal boxes) ➤ gift wrap, gift bags, cards (no metallic or foil) ➤ paperback books and phonebooks | <table border="0"> <tr> <td>soda, beer cartons</td> <td>butter, margarine boxes</td> <td>glossy boxes that show</td> </tr> <tr> <td>cups</td> <td>paper towels, napkins</td> <td>white strands when</td> </tr> <tr> <td>egg cartons</td> <td>tissues</td> <td>torn (frozen food boxes)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>frozen juice cartons</td> <td>Tyvek or padded envelopes</td> <td>blueprints</td> </tr> <tr> <td>take-out containers</td> <td>hardcover books</td> <td>dirtied paper (pet waste, paint)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>tissue paper</td> <td>stickers & sticker sheeting</td> <td>copy paper packaging</td> </tr> </table> | | | soda, beer cartons | butter, margarine boxes | glossy boxes that show | cups | paper towels, napkins | white strands when | egg cartons | tissues | torn (frozen food boxes) | frozen juice cartons | Tyvek or padded envelopes | blueprints | take-out containers | hardcover books | dirtied paper (pet waste, paint) | tissue paper | stickers & sticker sheeting | copy paper packaging | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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The Recycling Scoop...

▶ **PLEASE DO NOT PUT containers** (aluminum & steel cans, plastic & glass bottles, or milk/juice cartons) **in plastic bags.** Opening the bags slows down the workers at the recycling facility. Plastic bags also get caught in the sorting machinery and create a litter problem because they blow outside of the facility. Recyclable paper can be placed in paper bags, separately from containers.

▶ Materials on the **"YES list"** are relatively easy to process: clean, sort, and bale. They also have some value and marketability. These materials are recycled and made into new items, such as new aluminum cans, new glass bottles, new metal products, new paper, new clothing (such as fleece), new carpet and plastic lumber, etc. Recycling is a viable and growing part of our nation's economy. Materials that were previously thought of as garbage are now sought after as resources for a growing global economy. Last year almost 14 million tons of recovered paper were exported from the U.S. In fact, scrap paper is now our nation's number one export by volume. Exports of recyclable commodities generate more than \$8 billion annually for the U.S. Recycling is not just about reducing garbage; it's also about saving resources and promoting sustainable economic development. When you recycle, your town receives a minimum of \$15.67 per ton.

▶ Materials on the **"NO list,"** such as hangers, scrap metal, and plastic bags, can get tangled in sorting or baling equipment. Some supermarkets will accept plastic bags for recycling. Lids and medicine bottles are too small and fall through bales. Scrap metal is too large to bale, so although it is recyclable it is collected separately. Check with your local transfer station to see if they accept scrap metal for recycling. There are no markets for many plastics, especially Styrofoam, planting pots, black plastic, and plastics that are not from food and beverage or detergent products. Putting materials from the "NO list" into the recycling boxes slows down the workers at the recycling facility, as they have to pick them out and throw them in the garbage. "NO list" items contaminate the other recyclables, and can make marketing difficult. We hope that in the future more items on the "NO list" will become recyclable!



Fun Recycling Facts

- Recycling one aluminum can saves the energy equivalent of one cup of gasoline.
- Every ton of paper recycled saves 17 full-sized trees and 380 gallons of oil.
- Five recycled two-liter PET bottles make one square foot of carpet.
- Each glass bottle produced in the U.S. contains around 30% recycled glass.

The Franklin County Solid Waste Management District provides services to 21 member towns in Franklin County. The District provides free technical assistance and training to residents, businesses and schools. We provide containers for the safe disposal of sharps and used oil, as well as accepting batteries, cell phones and mercury thermostats and thermometers for safe disposal. The District also sells recycling bins and two types of compost bins. **For more information about solid waste management, waste reduction, reuse, recycling, composting, litter awareness, household hazardous waste disposal and more, visit the District's website at www.franklincountywastedistrict.org or contact us at (413) 772-2438, or by email at: info@franklincountywastedistrict.org.**

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