

YES

✓ Rinsed steel & aluminum cans



✓ Rinsed plastic containers including detergent, shampoo/conditioner, & drink bottles. Keep lids attached when possible.

If it's not on the "Yes" list, then it's a "No."

✓ Clean cardboard boxes & tubes; cardboard snack, cereal, & pizza boxes



Mixed paper such as magazines, newspapers, envelopes (plastic windows are fine), sticky notes, soft-cover books, shredded paper (secured in a paper bag), & office paper



- ✗ Plastic bags or flexible plastic film of any thickness
- ✗ Milk, juice, or ice cream cartons
- ✗ Paper plates, cups, or bowls
- ✗ Paper towels, napkins, or tissues
- ✗ Coffee cups (recycle the sleeve!) or coffee/tea/creamer pods
- ✗ Pet food bags, chip bags, or snack wrappers
- ✗ Straws, stirrers, styrofoam, or plastic utensils
- ✗ Aluminum foil or baking pans
- ✗ Glass

- ✗ Food or food wrappers
- ✗ Ink cartridges, batteries, light bulbs, or electronics
- ✗ Tangles: hoses, cords, string lights, etc.

NO

Plastic Bags & Glass Ruin Our Curbside Recycling!

Plastic Films & Bags



Plastic films and plastic bags of all types are NOT recyclable because they are made of low-quality plastic that no regional manufacturer will buy to reuse. Plus, bags tangle the recycling equipment, which halts the sorting line. **All recycling should be loose and not bagged.**

Glass



Glass can only be recycled at the City's five Recycling Drop-off Centers. Do NOT put glass in your curbside cart. Materials from the curbside carts must go through the sorting line, where glass contaminates true recyclables and damages equipment. Glass breaks and mixes with debris on the line, resulting in a trash-glass product that no regional manufacturer can reuse.



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