

RECYCLING

is easier than ever

With no-sort recycling, put all of your paper, plastics, metal, glass and cardboard in the SAME container



DO RECYCLE

PAPER & CARDBOARD

Remember: If you can rip it, you can recycle it!

Newspapers & inserts
Magazines & catalogs
Notebooks & writing paper
Cereal & dry food boxes
Paper towel & toilet paper rolls
Corrugated cardboard boxes - cut to 3'X3'
Computer copy paper
Envelopes/Junk mail
Phone books
Shoe & gift boxes
Frozen food boxes



METAL

Aluminum cans
Foil food trays
Metal cans & lids

Empty, cleaned paint cans
Aluminum pie plates



GLASS

Clear, green & brown glass
Beverages glasses and plates



HOW

Empty and rinse all recyclables and place in one bin, no sorting needed. Convert any 35 gallon or smaller container into a recycling bin by adding a "RECYCLABLES ONLY" sticker or painting/marketing a large "R" on the container.

Stickers are available from your local government office or MMWA.

PLASTIC

Plastics must have the recyclable code # in chasing arrows marked somewhere on the item.

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| #1 Plastic containers | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Beverage bottles | #5 Plastic containers | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yogurt cups |
| #2 Plastic containers | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Milk & water jugs | #6 Plastic containers | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Margarine tubs |
| #3 Plastic containers | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Detergent bottles | #7 Plastic containers | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Aspirin bottles |
| #4 Plastic containers | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Clamshell containers | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Food trays |
| | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Blister packs | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> baby bottles |
| | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Squeezable bottles | | |



DON'T recycle

Plastic grocery bags
Plastic wrap
Motor oil bottles
Cooking oil bottles
Plastic #6 foam
Blue or black glass
Frosted/mirrored glass
Furniture glass
Light bulbs
Large metal scraps

Ceramics and cookware
Foam cups & plates
Foam carry out containers
Packing peanuts & foam
Window and door glass
Soiled napkins & paper towels
Laundry soap boxes
Waxed-paper cups -
ex: fountain soda cups
Greasy boxes - pizza boxes
Pet food or heating pellet bags



“Just how clean does my recycling need to be?”

and other **RECYCLING RIDDLES** answered

Can I recycle paper with staples or paper clips in it?

You do not need to remove staples, paper clips or tape from your paper prior to recycling.

How clean does my recycling need to be?

Small amounts of food don't interfere with the glass and metal recycling process. Scrape all solid food scraps out of jars and cans, give them a quick rinse, and then put them in the recycling can.

One notable exception: Greasy pizza boxes and paper products stained with grease or food are not recyclable.

Can I recycle books?

Paperback books, magazines, catalogs and telephone directories are recyclable. Hardcover books should be donated to libraries or charitable organizations.

Since pet food bags are made of paper, can I recycle them?

Pet food bags have a plastic lining that is not recyclable, so these items should not be placed in your recycling can.

Now that I am not required to use a municipal recycling bin, can I use any kind of can?

Any 35 gallon or smaller container can be used for recycling by adding a "RECYCLABLES ONLY" sticker or by marking a large "R" on the container. Please make sure the sticker/markings are visible to collection workers, and remember to separate your trash cans from your recycling cans at the curb.

If a cardboard box is recyclable, why can't I put my recyclables to the curb inside a box?

Cardboard boxes must be flattened and cut to 3'X3'. An intact box is too large for the recycling truck hopper and cannot be accepted. All recycling must be placed in a properly marked recycling can.

Can I leave caps and lids on my recyclable plastic and metal containers?

Remove all bottle caps and lids, because their recyclability depends on what the lid is made of. Metal lids can be removed and recycled loose in the can. Plastic lids and caps from glass bottles and jars should be thrown away.

I have a foam container with a number on it - can it go in my recycling can?

NO foam products are accepted in the MMWA curbside recycling program, even if the item has a resin code in chasing arrows on it. Please deposit these items in your trash.

What about all of these shopping bags?

Plastic bags are NOT recyclable curbside and are a problem both on the street when they blow out of the can or truck, and at the recycling plant, where they wrap around the conveyor belt and ruin the ball bearings. Look for shopping bag recycling bins at most large grocery stores.



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