



# BEST WAY

## MAKING A GREENER DIFFERENCE RECYCLING 101

### WHAT TO RECYCLE CURBSIDE

#### Metal Cans & Aluminum Foil

Recycle all food and beverage metal cans – steel, tin, bi-metal and aluminum. Adhesive labels may be left on when recycling.

#### Cardboard

First, remove packing materials, such as Styrofoam or packing peanuts. Flatten box to save space. Ensure dry and clean – even if it gets wet, it can still be recycled once dried.

#### Newspaper / Magazines

You can also include newspapers, inserts, catalogs, paperback books, phone books and brochures.

#### Paper Food Containers

Recycle food boxes including: ice cream, milk containers, cereal boxes and pasta boxes.

#### Paper

Recycle envelopes, office paper, junk mail, greeting cards and file folders.

#### Glass Bottles

Clear, brown blue or green is accepted.. Do your best to not break glass bottles. You can leave the label/foil on but separate the metal caps.

#### Plastics

Recycle plastics #1 through #7. Look on the bottom of containers for a number inside the recycling arrow.

### NOT ACCEPTED IN YOUR BIN

#### No Bagged Recyclables

Recycled items should be placed loosely in your bin. If your recyclables are collected in a bag, please empty.

#### No Plastic Bags

Plastic bags (garbage bags, plastic grocery bags, etc.) are not recyclable, as they can become entangled in equipment.

#### No Plastic Wrap or Film

Plastic wrap, bubble wrap, sandwich bags and freezer bags should not be recycled.

#### No Pizza Boxes or Greasy Food Containers

Plastic wrap, bubble wrap, sandwich bags and freezer bags should not be recycled.

#### No Electronics, Cables or Batteries

While most electronics can be recycled, they cannot be picked up curbside and should not go into your bin. Please visit one of our local transfer stations to recycle properly.

#### No Tangling Items

Items such as garden hoses, chains, strings, ropes, holiday lights, etc. can become tangled in recycling equipment and threaten worker safety.

#### No Medical Waste

Medical waste endangers the safety and well being of recycling workers and equipment. Please dispose of these items in a safely closed container with your household trash.

#### No Styrofoam

Polystyrene foam (Styrofoam) containers or other items, such as packing peanuts, are not recyclable and should be disposed of in the trash.

#### No Diapers, Tissues or Biohazardous Waste

#### No Ceramics, Dishes or Mirrors

#### No Toys, Clothes, Shoes or Tools

#### No Holiday Decor

#### No Construction Debris or Scrap Metal

### NON-COMPOSTABLE ITEMS

#### No Black Walnut Tree Leaves or Twigs

These release substances that might be harmful to plants.

#### No Coal or Charcoal Ash

Coal or ash might contain substances harmful to plants.

#### No Dairy Products and Eggs

Dairy products and eggs create odor problems and attract pests such as rodents and flies.

#### No Diseased or Insect-Ridden Plants

Diseases or insects might survive off of disease ridden plants, and could be transferred back to other plants.

#### No Fats, Greases, Lards or Oils\*

Diseases or insects might survive within fats, greases, lards, and oils—and be transferred back to other plants.

#### No Meat or Fish Bones & Scrapes\*

Meat & fish scrapes produce odor problems and attract pests such as rodents and flies.

#### No Pet Waste\*

Pet waste might contain parasites, bacteria, germs, pathogens, and viruses harmful to humans. Please dispose of these items with your household trash.

#### No Yard Trimmings Treated with Chemicals

Chemically treated yard trimmings could kill beneficial composting organisms.