

# Curbside Recycling Guidelines

Place recyclables loosely in your bin. **NO PLASTIC BAGS!**

## Plastic

**ACCEPT:**

- ALL plastic bottles & containers
- Household bottles, jars & jugs
  - Dairy containers & lids
  - Produce, bakery & deli containers & lids

**DO NOT ACCEPT:**

- Plastic bags, wrap or film
- Motor oil bottles
- Styrofoam
- Plastic cups & lids



empty, rinse and replace caps & lids

## Paper

**ACCEPT:**

- Newspapers, inserts, magazines, & mail
- Cardboard & paperboard (food boxes)
- Milk, juice & soup cartons
- Office paper, school paper & books

**DO NOT ACCEPT:**

- Paper cups
- Shredded paper
- Tissue paper
- Pet food bags



take confidential papers to shred event for shredding & recycling  
 flatten & cut boxes to 2ft by 2ft

## Metal

**ACCEPT:**

- Aluminum bottles & cans
- Steel & tin cans

**DO NOT ACCEPT:**

- Aerosol cans
- Aluminum pans or foil
- Empty paint cans
- Scrap metal



empty and rinse



Recycle items loose.  
 No bags in cart.



## Glass

**ACCEPT:**

- Food and beverage bottles & jars

**DO NOT ACCEPT:**

- Window glass
- Ceramics, china
- Drinking glasses



empty and rinse

## Some stuff just doesn't belong in your recycling bin...

### Plastic bags



Plastic bags, film and wrap are the **#1 contaminant**. Keep recyclables loose in the bin and take plastic bags back to store drop-offs. See below.

### Sharps



Needles, lancets and syringes are the **#1 safety concern** for sorting staff. Do not throw sharps in recycling or trash. Visit: [dnr.wi.gov](http://dnr.wi.gov) and search "Sharps Collections".

### Yuck



Liquids, food and trash contaminate good recyclables. Empty and rinse containers; compost food scraps and throw trash in the garbage.

### Tanglers



Cords, chains and wires wrap around sorting equipment creating unnecessary maintenance. Take these items to e-waste collectors or scrap metal dealers.

### Textiles



Clothing, towels and bedding wrap around sorting equipment creating unnecessary maintenance. Donate textiles, or if wet and moldy, throw them in the garbage.

## PLASTIC FILM & WRAP...recycle it at participating stores, NOT in your curbside recycling



Find drop-off locations at [PlasticFilmRecycling.org](http://PlasticFilmRecycling.org)

Also look for any packaging with this How2Recycle label 