



# What should you put in your recycling bin



Recycle in Houston

[www.recycleinhouston.com](http://www.recycleinhouston.com)

## 3 basic rules

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### Always Empty

Always remove all contents from plastic and glass containers, cans and cartons. Liquid can contaminate other recyclables like paper.

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### Rinse & Clean

Containers don't need to be spotless but free from most food residue to avoid contamination.

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### No Plastic Bags

Do not bag recyclables. Do not place plastic bags or plastic wrap in the recycling bin. Instead, take them to your local grocery store.



Plastic Bottles & Containers

Empty and clean rigid plastic containers such as:

water, milk and juice bottles; vegetables packaging trays; detergent and cleaner containers; take-out containers; yoghurt, cottage cheese and margarine tubs; squeezable bottles; shampoo and mouthwash bottles

**Remove cap** and place in the recycling bin.

**NO** flexible plastic (such as apple sauce pouch).

**NO** styrofoam (plastic #6 - check website for recycling locations).

**NO** plastic utensils.



Paper, Cardboard & Magazine

Loose, dry and unsoiled paper such as:

paperboard boxes like cereal, cookies, snack, crackers, pasta; magazines, newspapers, phonebooks, paperback books; toilet and kitchen paper rolls; envelopes, mail and office paper; corrugated cardboard

**NO** paper or cardboard contaminated with food.

**NO** pizza boxes (they are contaminated).

**NO** tissue or kitchen paper.

**NO** compostable take-out boxes.

**NO** paper cup (paper cups have plastic lining inside).



Aluminum & Tin Cans

Rinsed and drained aluminum beverage cans and tin food cans such as:

soup, veggie, tuna cans; cookies and candies tin cans.

Disposable aluminum bakeware is accepted if clean.



Beverage & Food Cartons

Rinsed and drained beverage and food cartons such as:

milk, juice, cream, soup cartons

**Remove cap** and place in the recycling bin.



Glass

Empty glass bottles and jars.

**NO** mirror or window glass.

**NO** ceramics such as dishware, ovenware and decorative items.

**NO** light bulbs (check website for recycling locations).

**Metal cap should be removed** and placed in the recycling bin (they are recyclable).



and  
**NO** clothes  
**NO** water hose  
**NO** wire  
**NO** diapers  
**NO** food ...



Place yard waste - grass clippings, leaves and small branches - in a city approved compostable bag (available in grocery store). Bags are collected on same day as garbage collection.



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