

What Goes Where Guide

RECYCLABLES Material must be clean and dry

METAL – Empty and spatula clean

- Aerosol cans (empty and non-hazardous)
- Aluminum foil, foil trays, and pans (clean)
- Cans (e.g., food, beverage, pet food)
- Car parts – small (no fluids)
- Coat hangers – metal/wire (no paper)
- Lids and caps – metal (e.g., from glass bottles, jars)
- Paint cans (remove excess paint, let residue dry)
- Pipes & plumbing fixtures - metal
- Pots and pans (no nonstick)
- Scrap Metal
- Toys and sporting goods – metal
- Utensils – metal

GLASS – Empty and spatula clean (remove lids)

- Beverage bottles
- Broken glass
- Food jars
- Windows – uncoated/unlaminated, no frame
- Wine bottles

PAPER – Staples and tape ok

- Bags (e.g., white, colored, non-metallic)
- Books – hardback and softback
- Cardboard – (cut/folded to fit inside cart)
- Cereal and cracker boxes (remove liners)
- Colored or construction paper
- Egg cartons – cardboard
- Envelopes (plastic window OK)
- Frozen food packaging – cardboard
- Gift wrap and tissue paper (non-metallic)
- Junk mail
- Magazines and catalogs
- Newspaper – clean (including inserts)
- Pizza boxes (little to no grease)
- Shoe boxes
- Shredded paper (tie in clear plastic bag)
- White office paper

PLASTIC – Plastics #1, #2, and #5 (empty, spatula clean, and with lids on)

- Auto parts – plastic (no fluids)
- Baskets and flower pots – plastic (no black plastic)
- Bottles (e.g., beverage, laundry and household cleaners, personal care products, prescription)
- Buckets
- Coat hangers – plastic

(Plastic cont'd)

- Coolers (no insulation)
- Crates – plastic
- Food containers (e.g., yogurt)
- Furniture – plastic (e.g., chairs, tables)
- Pet carriers – plastic
- Shelving – plastic
- Squeezable bottles (e.g., honey, mayo, ketchup)
- Swimming pools (e.g., rigid)
- Take-out food containers – plastic (no black plastic)
- Toys 12” or larger (no batteries)



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ORGANICS

YARD TRIMMINGS

- Cactus
- Flax
- Flowers
- Grass clippings
- Hay
- Holiday trees (unflocked and undecorated with stand removed)
- Landscape vegetation
- Leaves
- Plant trimmings (no poison oak or ivy)
- Sawdust
- Shrubs
- Small pruning
- Sod (remove as much soil as possible)
- Stumps – must not exceed 6" in diameter
- Succulents (no ice plant)
- Tree trimmings/branches – cut to fit loosely in container

FOOD SCRAPS

- Bones
- Bread, dough
- Coffee grounds and filters
- Cooked meat and poultry
- Dairy products (no liquids)
- Eggshells
- Fish, shellfish
- Fruit, vegetables
- Grains, pasta



GARBAGE

PAPER

- Carbon paper
- Milk, juice & ice cream cartons
- Newspaper – soiled
- Napkins, paper towels, tissues
- Compostable paper cups and plates
- Photographs – photo paper & Polaroids
- Pizza delivery boxes – soiled (bottoms)
- Stickers (in sheets or rolls)
- Take-out food containers – paper
- Thermal fax paper
- Waxed paper, waxed cardboard

PLASTIC – Plastics #3, #4, #6, and #7

- Coffee cup lids
- Compostable plastics
- Diapers – disposable
- Disposable razors
- Gloves – rubber & latex/single use
- Hoses (must be tied)
- Ink cartridges and toner
- Pipe – PVC/Plastic
- Umbrellas – plastic

MULTI-LAYERED MATERIALS

- Envelopes (e.g., padded, Tyvek)
- Foil beverage pouches
- Snack packaging (e.g., chip bags)
- Audio and video tapes, CDs and DVDs

POLYSTYRENE/FOAMED PLASTIC

- Cups and plates - foam
- Egg cartons – molded foam
- Foam packing, packing peanuts
- Meat trays – molded form
- Take-out food containers – foam
- Coolers – foam

FABRIC AND TEXTILES – Donate when possible

- Boots and shoes
- Clothing
- Down-filled items, pillows
- Fabrics – clean or soiled
- Luggage – small carry-on sizes only
- Stuffed animals

ORGANIC MATERIAL

- Food soiled cardboard and paper
- Ice Plant
- Ivy
- Palm Fronds
- Pet Waste
- Poison Oak
- Raw Meat
- Yucca

