

Curbside Recycling Guidelines





What can I place in my recycle bin?

Generally speaking, bins are for paper and packaging materials. More specifically, the following items can be recycled:

Paper Fiber Materials

- Flattened corrugated cardboard and paperboard (i.e. cereal boxes, tissue boxes, etc)
- Newspapers, flyers
- Magazines, catalogues, paperback books, hardcover books with covers and spine removed, telephone books
- Letter quality paper
- Brown paper bags, tissue roll cores, gift and packaging paper, paper egg cartons
- Envelopes with and without windows
- Copier paper, computer printouts, NCR (no carbon required) paper
- Shredded paper placed in clear plastic bag

Containers - MUST BE RINSED CLEAN & FREE OF FOOD OR OTHER CONTAMINANTS

- Aluminum soft drink and beer cans
- Household tin cans
- Milk cartons and jugs (caps removed)
- Juice cartons, boxes and tetra-pak containers
- Plastic soft drink and water bottles
- Place plastic grocery bags inside another bag and secure; includes clean plastic food wrap and clean plastic product wrap
- Household plastic containers and bottles with a #1 through #7 on the container (a container with no arrows, or a container with arrows but without a number inside cannot be accepted)  
- Glass bottles and jars; clear, green or brown (lids removed)

Items that **CANNOT** be placed in recycle bins include:

- Waxed, plasticized or food contaminated paper, cardboard, cups or plastic plates (i.e. pizza boxes)
- Soiled tissues, napkins and paper towels
- Loose shredded paper
- Heavily dyed or coloured construction paper
- Styrofoam or other foam packing materials
- Household garbage
- Organic material (i.e. grass clippings, food scraps, leaves)
- Hazardous or regulated waste
- Hazardous chemical containers (i.e. motor oil containers)
- Auto parts or batteries
- Any scrap metal other than household tin and aluminum cans
- Any type of fuel container
- Wire or plastic clothes hangers
- Plastic toys or Tupperware
- Plastic pipe
- Outdoor lawn furniture
- Items other than those listed as accepted materials

General Guidelines

- Do not bag recyclables (other than plastic bags and shredded paper as indicated). Bagged items take extra time to sort, are indistinguishable from garbage, and may not be picked up.
- Make sure containers have been rinsed before placing them in your bin. Labels do not have to be removed, but there should not be any food or other residue left inside.
- If you are unsure of whether something can go in your bin, you can always call City Hall or Lamon Disposal.