

Single-stream recycling guide



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What is single-stream recycling?

You can place paper, cardboard, plastic containers (#1, #2, #5), cans and glass together in one bin. It is all sorted out later at the recycling facility.

Keep it loose

Don't bag your recyclables!

Plastic bags tangle the recycling equipment.
Place items loose in the bin instead.

Paper and cardboard



Keep it clean

Make sure containers are empty and at least spoon-clean before recycling.

Cartons



Keep it on

Recyclables should be larger than your fist.
Make sure to keep lids and caps attached to bottles, jars, and cartons so those smaller pieces don't get lost in the sorting process.

Plastic bottles, jugs and containers

1 2 3 5



Metal



Glass bottles and jars



KEEP THESE OUT OF THE RECYCLING:

NO batteries or electronics
NO plastic bags
NO shredded paper
NO tanglers, string lights, or hoses
NO scrap metal
NO bulky plastic items
NO Styrofoam or #3, 4, 6, or 7 plastics
NO black plastics

WHEN IN DOUBT, THROW IT OUT