

RECYCLING IN RI JUST GOT EASIER!

NEW It's now OK to mix your recyclables together! No new bin is necessary – simply use what you have. Your recycled paper, cardboard, and containers will be mixed in the collection truck too. And don't worry, mixing is a good thing! Our new recycling facility will do the rest. Now it's either recycling or it isn't. Period.



NEW You can now recycle more plastics! In fact, you can now recycle all plastic containers up to 2 gallons. Don't worry about the numbers or the little triangle. Is it a plastic container? Is it 2 gallons or smaller? If so, recycle it! This means you can now recycle plastic jars, tubs, cups, yogurt containers, egg cartons and take out containers too.

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RECYCLING DON'TS

WANT TO KNOW WHY YOU CAN'T RECYCLE THESE ITEMS?
FIND OUT AT RECYCLETOGETHERRI.ORG.

Don't recycle any of the following in your bin, cart, or box:

- **NEW** Scrap metal – e.g. pots, pans, hangers, wires, appliances, chains, cables, nuts, bolts
- Plastic bags – bring bags back to the store. Don't place recyclables in plastic bags.
- Refrigerated and frozen food boxes – e.g. butter, pizza, beer, soda, TV dinner
- Plastic containers larger than 2 gallons and non-container plastic – e.g. toys, furniture
- **NEW** Hybrid packaging (metal/paper/plastic mix) – e.g. oatmeal and chip canisters, K-cups
- Greasy pizza boxes
- Clothing or textiles
- Chip bags and candy wrappers
- Hot beverage cups
- Styrofoam
- Sharps – i.e. injectable needles
- Light bulbs, mirrors, broken glass
- Household Hazardous Waste – e.g. propane tanks, oil-based paint, rechargeable batteries (bring to a local Eco-Depot event)

You may be able to recycle these items locally – check with your Dept. of Public Works.

WHAT ITEMS CAN BE RECYCLED?



GLASS CONTAINERS

- jars – e.g. pasta sauce, jelly, baby food
- bottles – soda, wine, beer

EMPTY + RINSE
REMOVE METAL LIDS
+ RECYCLE BOTH



PLASTIC CONTAINERS

ALL PLASTIC CONTAINERS UP TO 2 GALLONS
DISREGARD THE NUMBERS AND THE TRIANGLE

- bottles – e.g. soda, shampoo, water
- jugs – milk, juice, detergent
- NEW** • jars – mayo, peanut butter, jelly
- NEW** • tubs – butter, ice cream, margarine
- NEW** • plastic take out containers
- NEW** • iced coffee cups
- NEW** • yogurt containers
- NEW** • plastic egg cartons

EMPTY + RINSE
DON'T CRUSH • NO STRAWS
GENTLY REPLACE PLASTIC CAPS + LIDS
NO STYROFOAM

PAPER + CARDBOARD

- newspaper • phonebooks • envelopes
- office paper • spiral notebooks
- flattened corrugated boxes
- wrapping and tissue paper **NEW**
- gift bags • paperback books
- food boxes • junk mail
- paper bags • magazines
- paper towel tubes
- egg cartons

NO REFRIGERATED
+ FROZEN FOOD BOXES
NO GREASY PIZZA BOXES



METAL CANS + FOIL

- aluminum – e.g. cans, foil, pie pans
- empty aerosol cans – hairspray, air freshener, whipped cream
- tin cans – soup, vegetables, tuna, pet foods

EMPTY + RINSE
DON'T CRUSH CANS
NEW NO SCRAP METAL
NEW NO WIRE HANGERS



CARTONS

- milk • soy milk • juice
- soup • broth • juice boxes

EMPTY + RINSE
NO JUICE POUCHES
OR STRAWS



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