

# HOW TO RECYCLE RIGHT

## DID YOU KNOW?

Plastic bags jam sorting equipment and can cause the entire recycling facility to shut down. Do **NOT** put recyclables in plastic bags! Use a reusable bag or bin to carry out and empty recyclables into the bin.



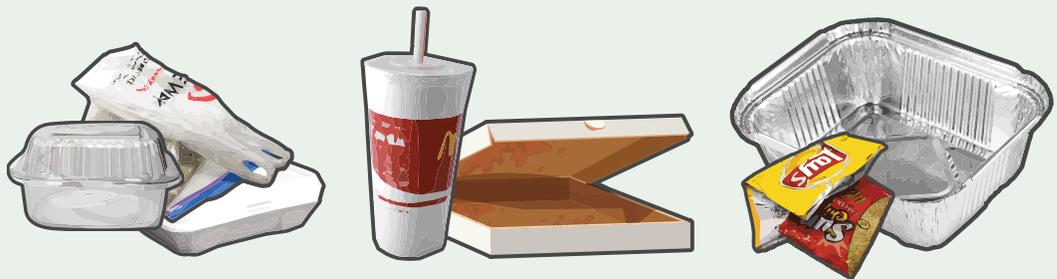
## RECYCLING

**plastic** tubs, bottles & jugs, **paper** & cardboard, **metal** cans  
(no lids)



## GARBAGE

plastic bags & wrappers, styrofoam, disposable cups & plates,  
greasy food containers, cartons, aluminum foil



**Why empty, clean, and dry?** Recyclables should be empty, clean and dry to prevent contamination of other recyclables. Contaminated recyclables have to all be sent to the landfill!



# 8 ITEMS THAT DO NOT BELONG IN THE RECYCLE BIN

## DID YOU KNOW?

Entire loads of recyclables have to be thrown out if they contain just a fraction of garbage or dirty items. Look it up or leave it out of the recycle bin!

These items are often mistakenly put in the recycle bin. Learn how to properly dispose of them!

## GARBAGE

Throw away in the garbage bin.

### CARTONS & FROZEN FOOD CONTAINERS



Cartons have layers of paper, metal, and plastic to hold in liquid. Frozen food boxes contain plastic to protect food from freezer burn. Our facilities cannot separate these layers.

### COFFEE CUPS



Disposable coffee cups are lined with plastic. Our facilities do not have the technology to separate these layers.

### PIZZA BOXES



Pizza boxes are dirty from cheese, sauce, and oil. Only clean cardboard can be recycled.

## DROP-OFF

at Household Hazardous Waste at 3510 S. Mullen St.

**X** Batteries can **NOT** be thrown in the garbage.



### BATTERIES

Batteries are hazardous waste and contain toxins that can contaminate soil and water if disposed of incorrectly.

## DROP-OFF

at the Recycle Center at 3510 S. Mullen St.\*

\*These items can be **thrown away OR recycled** at the Recycle Center.

### PLASTIC BAGS & WRAP



Plastic bags get caught in and jam recycling sorting machines, halting the entire recycling process.

### CLAMSHELL PLASTIC



Clamshell plastic flattens easily, making it difficult for machines to correctly sort them.

### STYROFOAM



Styrofoam packaging blocks and peanuts break apart easily, creating litter and making it difficult for machines to correctly sort.

### ELECTRICAL CORDS



Power cords, string lights, and charging cables tangle and jam sorting machines.