

Recycling: It's in your hands!

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Printed Paper and Paper Packaging

Desirable Materials

Consists of a mixture of various qualities of paper not limited as to type of fiber content, normally generated from residential, multi-material collection programs. It may include newspaper and their inserts, flyers, letters and envelopes, books, file folders, note pads, computer paper, magazines, catalogues, telephone directories and other similar printed materials. It includes packaging materials such as corrugated containers, boxboard, linerboard, kraft paper bags, fiber cores (toilet paper and paper towel tubes), paper pulp egg cartons and trays. Cartons such as aseptic containers also known as juice boxes and polycoated containers such as gable top milk containers and paper based ice cream tubs.

Preparation

Shredded paper must be in a tied clear plastic bag. Plastic wrappers on newspapers and catalogues must be removed. Cartons like juice boxes, milk containers, and ice cream tubs should not be flattened. Corrugated boxes should be flattened. Newspapers should not be overly exposed to sun (yellow and brittle is not acceptable). Paper materials should be kept dry.

Problematic Materials

Hot beverage cups, non paper bindings (plastic, metal, and glue), hard covers, plastic tabs, metal rods in file folders, plastic sheet protectors, plastic film. Plastic wrappers on newspapers and catalogues. Metal spouts and cutting strips on boxes.

Rigid Plastic Containers and Plastic Shopping Bags

Desirable Materials

Consists of mixed, postconsumer food and beverage containers, bottles and jars. Non-bottle containers may consist of items such as trays, clamshells, and tubs. Plastic retail shopping bags are also included. Examples include soft drink, detergent, orange juice, and shampoo bottles, plastic clamshell trays (not Styrofoam™), yogurt and margarine containers.

Preparation

Containers should be rinsed and closures removed. Plastic containers/materials should be empty and dry, free of any free flowing liquid of any type. Labels are acceptable. Product need not be washed, but preferred. Plastic retail shopping bags should be collected inside out until bag full quantities have been accumulated. Only full bags should be set out for collection.

Problematic Materials

No foam products of any kind. Any containers used for agricultural chemicals, hazardous materials, flammable liquids and/or their containers, and medical waste. Motor oil and herbicide/insecticide bottles are not allowed. Nursery and garden pots are not acceptable. Black plastic containers are not acceptable.

Metal Cans

Desirable Materials

Steel and aluminum food and/or beverage, aerosol and empty paint cans up to 5 gallons.

Preparation

Metal lids can be placed inside the container and the top pinched to keep it there. Paper labels are acceptable. No container larger than 5 gallons.

Problematic Materials

The material is to be free of other scrap, laminated foils, iron, bottle caps, plastic cans and other plastic, glass, wood, dirt, grease, trash, and other foreign substances. Any and all aluminum items, other than used beverage cans, are not acceptable. Paint cans must be metal, dry, with lids off. Aerosol containers must be empty with lids disposed.

Glass Bottles and Jars

Desirable Materials

Soda-lime-silica beverage or food container glass of any colour.

Preparation

Containers should be free of any organic residue, empty, and dry. Containers should not be broken. Caps and closures should be removed.

Problematic Materials

Non-container glass (plate window glass), heat-resistant glass (such as Pyrex), and lead-based glass (such as crystal ware, television tubes, vision ware, light bulbs, crystal, windows, mirrors, drinking glasses, ceramic, milk glass, etc.). metals, ores, minerals, bricks, clay, grinding and refractory materials, rocks, clay and ceramic closures. Ceramics (such as cups, saucers, dinnerware, pottery, etc.)

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