Commercial Recycling Requirements

Supply accessible recycling containers.
Communicate information annually including how and what to recycle.
Post sign showing what to place in recycling bin.

As a reminder, materials that are NOT accepted in the recycling include:

- Black Bags
- Plastic Bags, Wraps & Film*
- Construction & Demolition Debris
- Yard Waste
- Textiles (Bedding, Clothes, Carpet)
- Hazardous Waste
- Tanglers (Cords, Hoses, Hangers)
- Electronic Waste
- Batteries
- Furniture

*Clear or non-pigmented plastic bin liners to hold clean and empty recyclables are allowed.

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**Accepted Items**

**PAPER**
- Cups & Containers
- Flattened Cardboard
- Milk, Juice, & Soup Cartons
- Newspapers/Magazines
- Books/Phone Books
- Junk Mail & Office Paper (all items clean & empty)
*No Tissue

**PLASTIC**
- Cups & Containers
- Bottles & Lids
- Bulky Items (all items clean & empty)
*No Plastic Bags
*No Foam Polystyrene
*No Straws or Utensils

**METAL**
- Steel & Aluminum
- Bottles/Cans/Containers (all items clean & empty)
*No Paint Cans

**GLASS**
- Glass Bottles/Jars (all items clean & empty)
*No Windows or Ceramics

**How to Prepare Your Recyclables**
- Recyclables should be clean & empty.
- Keep out: Plastic bags, clothing, tanglers (cables & cords), electronics & batteries
- Empty & flatten cardboard boxes.

**Janitorial Best Practice**
- Black bags cannot be used to hold recyclables. Clear or non-pigmented plastic bin liners to hold clean and empty recyclables are allowed but not preferred.
- Best practice: Leave recyclables loose in container.

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