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## Recycling Requirements

*See back for new guidelines*



Supply accessible recycling containers.



Communicate information annually including how and what to recycle.



Post sign showing what to place in recycling bin.

### Recycling requirements apply to commercial, government, and residential properties.

- Office Properties
- Retail Stores and Malls
- Grocery Stores
- Food & Beverage Establishments
- Medical Facilities
- Hotels, Motels, Inns
- Industrial Facilities & Warehouses
- Religious Buildings
- Private/Charter/Public Schools
- Colleges and Universities
- Apartments & Condos
- Assisted Living Facilities
- Government Buildings
- Mixed-use Properties
- Other Large Venues (e.g. Museums, Sports Arenas, Convention Centers)

# DISTRICT RECYCLING GUIDELINES

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## Accepted Items

### PAPER

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



### PLASTIC

- Bottles, Cups, Containers & Lids
- (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.
- ✓ Do not bag recyclables. Leave loose in container.  
TIP: Return plastic grocery bags to participating stores for recycling.
- ✓ No Items smaller than 2" x 2".  
\* No utensils, straws, small dressing or condiment cups.
- ✓ Include only listed items.  
**Questions?** Visit [dpw.dc.gov/recyclingcompostlist](http://dpw.dc.gov/recyclingcompostlist)