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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.
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