



Recyclable Products Fact Sheet for San Jose, CA

By recycling plastics, aluminum, paper, and glass, you save the extra energy and transportation required to produce materials from virgin materials. Recycling also creates jobs and supports our local communities. Recycling not only reduces waste produced at an event, but also prevents unnecessary greenhouse gases (GHG) from being released.

- **Aluminum soda cans**
- **Glass Bottles & Jars - brown, clear and green glass**
- **Plastic soda & water bottles (remove caps & tops before recycling)**
- **Plastic food containers #1-7 except Styrofoam™ (remove caps, lids and plastic straws before recycling)**
 - **Special Note on Plastics:** All plastics are not created equally, so if you need to use plastics at your event, please select plastics with the #1 (PETE), #2 (HDPE), #4 (LDPE) or #5 (Polypropylene) symbols. The production process for these plastics is less harmful to the environment than the #3 (PVC) and #6 (Polystyrene) plastics. Polystyrene (PS) is available in both Styrofoam™ (Expanded Polystyrene or EPS) and clear plastic. So, if you need clear plastic, check the number to make sure you get a #1 instead of a #6 product. See “Plastic Resin Code” Fact Sheet for more information.
- **Aluminum foil, trays & tins**
- **Bimetal cans**
- **Tin cans**
- **Newspaper (including inserts)**
- **Mixed paper (including office paper, magazines, catalogues, envelopes, junk mail, bulk mail, packaging, paperboard, Kraft brown bags, paper egg cartons, paperbacks and telephone books)**
- **Corrugated cardboard**
- **Plastic bags and film (stretch wrap, shrink wrap, bubble wrap)**
- **Foam plastics (padding, packaging)**

*****Products that CANNOT be recycled*****

- **Plastic utensils**
- **Styrofoam™ plates, cups, and bowls**
- **Paper food products – Food papers cannot be recycled, so DO NOT put these items in the recycling bin.** This includes: napkins, coffee cups, plates, bowls, pizza boxes, paper towels, etc. The oils and other food residues contaminate the paper recycling process, but are perfect for the composting process so please put these items into a composting stream if one is available.