

What to Recycle

Remember to:

1. Empty and rinse all containers.
2. Flatten cartons and boxes, and place them inside your cart.
3. Secure shredded paper and textiles inside a clear plastic bag.



CANS & CARTONS



Beverage cartons and boxes (e.g., juice, milk, cream)

Tin, aluminum, and steel cans and lids:

Food and beverage cans (e.g., soda, tuna, soup, pet food)

Aerosol cans (empty)

PAPER & CARDBOARD



Cardboard, shoe boxes, cereal and cracker boxes (remove liners)

Catalogs, magazines, newspapers, telephone books

Egg cartons

Gift wrap (no metallic/foil)

Mail, envelopes, advertisements (gloss and plastic windows OK)

Office paper (e.g., construction and printer paper)

Paper shopping bags

SCRAP METALS



Aluminum foil (clean)

Appliances, small metal (e.g., toaster, waffle iron, blender)

Keys

Metal lids and caps from glass bottles

Paint cans (let paint dry out, then remove and place in garbage cart)

Pots and pans, metal

GLASS



Brown, clear, and green glass bottles and jars

Food and beverage containers (e.g., soda, wine, mayonnaise)

PLASTICS



ONLY items labeled with the numbers 1-7 inside a triangle, such as:

1 Soda, water, mouthwash, and mustard containers

2 Detergent, shampoo, and spray bottles; flower pots; milk jugs; yogurt and butter tubs

3 PVC pipe

4 Squeezable bottles (e.g., honey)

5 Medicine bottles

6 Compact disc cases

7 Large reusable water bottles, juice jugs

Return plastic bags to grocery store for recycling. Polystyrene foam goes in garbage cart.

TEXTILES



Clean cotton, linen, polyester, rayon and wool fabrics (blankets, sheets, clothes)

Household Hazardous Waste (HHW)

Pesticides, fertilizers, batteries, pool chemicals, syringes, and fluorescent light bulbs are among the items that CANNOT be safely disposed of in garbage or recycling carts. For a free drop-off appointment, call the County's Household Hazardous Waste Program at (408) 299-7300 or visit www.hhw.org

