

# Recycling Tips



- **Plastic bags** - Never put recyclables in plastic bags! (Items can be packed loosely in paper bags.) Recycle empty plastic bags in grocery store collection bins.
- **“If you can smash it, trash it”** - No soft plastic in curbside bins. Put soft plastic, including mesh produce bags, mailing envelopes, and bubble wrap in grocery store collection bins. Thin film plastic must be “stretchable.”
- **Size** - Items, including paper, must be larger than about 2” square. No shredded paper. (Small items fall through machinery.)
- **Lids** - Always recycle bottles, tubs, jugs and jars with lids on. No coffee cup lids.
- **Color** - Black bottoms of take out containers are not recyclable. Clear tops of takeout containers are.
- **Aluminum foil** - Rinse and create a large ball with multiple smaller pieces.
- **Rinsing** - Items should be empty and rinsed. No need to fully clean.
- **Paper coffee cups and sleeves** - Recyclable (empty). No lids or straws.
- **Aerosols** - Recyclable, if fully empty, in curbside bin. If full, dispose of in hazardous waste collection.
- **Styrofoam** - Not recyclable in curbside bin. Can be taken to Abt or Mount Prospect.
- **Textiles** - Donate in any condition at Goodwill, Salvation Army, or clothing drop off bins. Not recyclable in curbside bin.
- **Pill bottles** - Recyclable (empty) in curbside bin.
- **Batteries** - Not recyclable in curbside bin.
- **Wine corks** - Recyclable at Good Grapes in Winnetka or search for additional outlets.
- **Don’t crush plastic bottles or flatten cans.**
- **Plastic #1 and #2** - Mostly recyclable.
- **Plastic #6 and #7** - Not recyclable. (Solo cups and many clear plastic cups.)

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