

What to Recycle Curbside in Philadelphia



Single Stream Recycling

The City of Philadelphia has citywide single stream recycling. Single stream recycling means that all recyclables can be put in the same container, including plastics and cardboard. Here's what you need to know about what can and can't be recycled:

✓ YES

Metal

- Aluminum and tin cans
- Empty aerosol cans
- Empty paint cans and lids
- Aluminum foil
- Pie tins/baking tins
- Metal bottle caps

Glass

- Glass jars and bottles

Paper and Cardboard

- Newspaper and magazines
- Cardboard boxes - flattened
- Mail (junk and personal) - window envelopes are okay
- Phone books
- Hardcover and softcover books
- Wrapping paper
- Computer paper
- Empty pizza boxes
- Soda and beer cartons
- Milk/OJ/Juice cartons
- Ice cream cartons
- Aseptic foil cartons
- Paper coffee "cans"
- Comet brand scrubber "cans"
- Dishwasher detergent boxes (with the metal spout)

Plastic

- Plastics #1 - #7
- 5-gallon buckets/kitty litter buckets
- Bottle caps
- Small plastic toys

✗ NO

- Styrofoam (includes egg cartons, clamshell containers, plates, cups and meat trays)
- Packing peanuts
- Plastic films or bags
- Big PVC pipes
- Compostable plastics
- CDs/DVDs
- Batteries
- Light bulbs
- Window panes/mirrors/pyrex
- Pots and pans
- Paper drink containers with wax (plastic) liner
- Coffee cup lids
- Straws
- Plastic cutlery
- Plastic 6-pack rings
- Waxed paper and waxed cardboard
- Toothbrushes
- Empty deodorant sticks
- Coat hangers (plastic or metal)

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