

What do I place in the Blue Container?

Aluminum/Metal

aluminum/metal cans*
clean aluminum foil
screws
wires
bucket handles
food/liquid containers*

Cardboard

food/liquid boxes
laundry soap boxes
facial tissue boxes
gift boxes paper tubing
bathroom/paper towel rolls
corrugated storage boxes**
shipping/moving boxes**
waxed covered milk cartons

Glass*

food/liquid bottles
wine/beer bottles
baby food jars
condiment containers

Paper*

junk mail
magazines
catalogues
newspapers
any hard bound books
telephone books
shredded paper in bag

Plastic

bottles/jugs*
hard numbered plastics

Aluminum/Metal

melded with plastic¹
scrap metal
wire coat hangers
electrical wire
auto parts
metal patio furniture
aerosol cans
aluminum siding
sheets of aluminum

Cardboard***

packing peanuts
styrofoam/foam
bubble wrap

Paper

tissues/napkins/plates
paper towels
diapers
wrapping paper
wax-covered paper²

Glass

light bulbs
ceramics
dishes/glass ware
mirrors
window glass/panes

Plastic

plastic grocery
dry cleaning bags
sheets of plastic
pool covers
bubble wrap
packing peanuts
styrofoam/foam
PVC
garden hoses

NOTE: Grocery, retail bags, bread, dry cleaning, and frozen food bags will damage sorting machines and must be collected separately, by returning to grocery stores for recycling. Donate clothing and toys to your favorite charity. Foam packing peanuts, and foam cups are not recyclable at this time. Packing peanuts can be reused or returned to mailing services location.



PETE

Polyethylene
Terephthalate
Ethylene

soda/water,
ketchup, salad
dressing,
shampoo,
mouthwash
bottles, pickle, jam,
peanut butter jars



HDPE

High Density
Polyethylene

water/juice/milk
jugs, motor oil,
dish/laundry,
shampoo, cosmetic
bottles, yogurt,
butter tubs,
household cleaners



PVC

Polyvinyl
Chloride

window cleaner,
cooking oil,
clear food packaging,
plastic toys, shower
curtains, pipes,
siding, window
frames



LDPE

Low Density
Polyethylene

grocery, bread,
frozen food,
dry cleaning bags,
squeezeable bottles,
flexible film
packaging &
some bottles



PP

Polypropylene

ketchup, syrup
bottles, yogurt,
butter tubs, caps,
disks, straws,
film packaging,
medicine bottles



PS

Polystyrene

meat & clear
trays, egg
cartons, cups,
plates, cutlery,
carry-out
containers,
CD jackets



OTHER

Includes any
resin not specifically
numbered 1-6,
or combinations
of one or more of
these resins. Also
includes
biodegradable
com- or sugar-based
plastics.



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Hazardous Waste - Environmental Technician

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* Labels, inserts and caps do not have to be removed. Bottles do not have to be absolutely clean. Rinsed out usually is good enough.

** Break down and flatten boxes, cut into 2'x2' (or smaller) pieces - then place in blue recycle container.

*** Remove inserts and liners

1 i.e. candy wrappers

2 i.e. frozen food packages



**Remember
to Reduce,
Reuse &
Recycle**