

## What We Can Recycle on the Eastern Shore

• NO SORTING REQUIRED - ALL THESE ITEMS GO INTO ONE BIN

#1 and #2 plastic drink bottles, milk jugs, food and beverage cartons, detergent bottles, newspapers and their inserts, magazines, catalogs, junk mail, office paper, brown cardboard boxes, brown paper bags, aluminum cans, steel/tin cans, glass bottles, telephone books, and

hat Can Be Recycled Office Paper Junk Mail Plain and Corrugated Cardboard Boxes Newspaper Food Boxes Shipping/Moving Boxes Magazines PLASTIC n, Empty, and Rinsed Clean, Empty, and Rinsed: Plastic Containers #1,2. Jugs and Bottles I Mixed Rigid Pots & Pans NO unmarked or #3 - #7plastics Clean Foil & Trays Clean, Empty, and Rinse Clean, Empty, and Rinsed Milk and Juice Cartons Juice Boxes Glass Jars Soup Cartons THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE NOT INCLUDED IN SINGLE STREAM **Waxed Cardboard** Scrap Metal **Electronic Waste** Window Panes Or Mirrors Paint, Pesticides, Oil Styrofoam **Ceramics or Dishware** Food or Yard Waste VCR/VHS Tapes Bio-Hazardous Waste **Fabrics or Clothing Plastic CD Cases** Unmarked Plastics, #3, or #6 Waxed Paper Hoses

- cereal boxesStaples and tape on paper are not a problem, and it's okay to include window
- but not used tissues.
- Glass containers of all colors are recyclable, but don't throw in window panes or mirrors.

envelopes and tissue boxes

## What We Cannot Recycle on the Eastern Shore

- Styrofoam, pizza boxes, food containers that are not clean and dry, aluminum foil, pots & pans (these can go in the bulk metal bin), frozen dinner trays, oil, antifreeze, and pesticide containers, window glass, mirrors, light bulbs, crystal, cookware, ceramics, or any glass that is not a container, coated cardboard containers such as those used to package wholesale vegetables and seafood products, and any other items not previously listed as acceptable.
- Household Hazardous
   Waste please see separate
   handout
- Electronics The Fishers Corner Convenience Center



## 6 Things You're Recycling Wrong

source: NY Times; by Livia Albeck-Ripka

We have all done it: a greasy pizza box, a disposable coffee cup, the odd plastic bag. Sometimes, we want things to be recyclable, so we put them in the recycling bin. Waste managers often call this wishful or aspirational recycling. But, unfortunately, putting these objects in with the rest of the recycling can do more harm than good.

- Single-use Cups "paper" coffee cups are usually plastic lined
- ullet Pizza Boxes even if they are clean, entire shipments may be rejected
- Plastic Bags these damage recycling machinery, must be separated
- **Diapers** should be obvious, but it's being attempted
- To Go Containers food/oil residue contaminates entire shipment
- Yogurt & Fruit Cups most are number 3 7, not recyclable

Too many of these items will contaminate a batch of recycling. That means waste managers might not be able to find buyers for the materials — especially now that China, one of the world's main importers of recyclable waste, <u>has said it will reject shipments that are more than 0.5 percent impure</u>. Contaminated loads could be sent to the landfill instead.

## **Plastics**

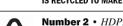
■ In your quest to go green, use this guide to use and sort plastic. The number, usually found with a triangle symbol on a container, indicates the type of resin used to produce the plastic. Call **1-800-CLEANUP** for recycling information in your state.



 $\textbf{Number 1} \bullet \textit{PETE or PET (polyethylene terephthalate)}$ 

IS USED IN . . . . microwavable food trays; salad dressing, soft drink, water, and beer bottles

STATUS ....... hard to clean; absorbs bacteria and flavors; avoid reusing IS RECYCLED TO MAKE ... carpet, furniture, new containers, Polar fleece



Number 2 • HDPE (high-density polyethylene)

IS USED IN . . . . . . household cleaner and shampoo bottles, milk jugs, yogurt

**STATUS** ...... transmits no known chemicals into food **IS RECYCLED TO MAKE** . . detergent bottles, fencing, floor tiles, pens



Number 3 • V or PVC (vinyl)

IS USED IN . . . . . . . . cooking oil bottles, clear food packaging, mouthwash bottles

STATUS ..... is believed to contain phalates that interfere with horr development; avoid

IS RECYCLED TO MAKE . . cables, mudflaps, paneling, roadway gutters



**Number 4** • *LDPE* (low-density polyethylene)

IS USED IN ...... bread and shopping bags, carpet, clothing, furniture STATUS ..... transmits no known chemicals into food

IS RECYCLED TO MAKE . . envelopes, floor tiles, lumber, trash-can liners



Number 5 • PP (polypropylene)

IS USED IN . . . . . . ketchup bottles, medicine and syrup bottles, drinking straws

**STATUS** ...... transmits no known chemicals into food IS RECYCLED TO MAKE . . battery cables, brooms, ice scrapers, rakes



Number 6 • PS (polystyrene)

IS USED IN ...... disposable cups and plates, egg cartons, take-out containers

STATUS ..... is believed to leach styrene, a possible human carcinogen,
into food: avoid

IS RECYCLED TO MAKE . . foam packaging, insulation, light switchplates, rulers



Number 7 • Other (miscellaneous)

IS RECYCLED TO MAKE . . custom-made products