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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 cereal boxes

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

What Can Be Recycled?

<p>PAPER Office Paper Junk Mail Newspaper Phone Books Paper Bags Magazines</p>	<p>CARDBOARD Plain and Corrugated Cardboard Boxes Food Boxes Shipping/Moving Boxes</p>
<p>PLASTIC Clean, Empty, and Rinsed: Plastic Containers #1,2, Jugs and Bottles Mixed Rigid NO unmarked or #3 - #7 plastics</p>	<p>METAL Clean, Empty, and Rinsed: Aluminum Metal Cans Pots & Pans Clean Foil & Trays</p>
<p>GLASS Clean, Empty, and Rinsed: Glass Jugs Glass Bottles Glass Jars</p>	<p>CARTONS Clean, Empty, and Rinsed: Milk and Juice Cartons Juice Boxes Soup Cartons</p>

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE **NOT** INCLUDED IN SINGLE STREAM

Scrap Metal	Electronic Waste	Waxed Cardboard
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

NO FOOD WRAPPERS
NO CHIP BAGS
NO PLASTIC BAGS

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

accepts these items










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
- **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, [has said it will reject shipments that are more than 0.5 percent impure](#). Contaminated loads could be sent to the landfill instead.

Plastics	
<p>■ 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.</p>	
 Number 1 • 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 PETE	 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 LDPE
 Number 2 • HDPE (high-density polyethylene) IS USED IN household cleaner and shampoo bottles, milk jugs, yogurt tubs STATUS transmits no known chemicals into food IS RECYCLED TO MAKE . . detergent bottles, fencing, floor tiles, pens HDPE	 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 PP
 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 hord development; avoid IS RECYCLED TO MAKE . . cables, mudflaps, paneling, roadway gutters V	 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 PS
	 Number 7 • Other (miscellaneous) IS USED IN 3- and 5-gallon water jugs, nylon, some food containers STATUS contains bisphenol A, which has been linked to heart disease and obesity; avoid IS RECYCLED TO MAKE . . custom-made products OTHER