

WHAT ITEMS CAN BE RECYCLED?



GLASS CONTAINERS

- jars – e.g. pasta sauce, jelly, baby food
- bottles – soda, wine, beer

EMPTY + RINSE
REMOVE METAL LIDS
+ RECYCLE BOTH



PLASTIC CONTAINERS

ALL PLASTIC CONTAINERS UP TO 2 GALLONS
DISREGARD THE NUMBERS AND THE TRIANGLE

- bottles – e.g. soda, shampoo, water
- jugs – milk, juice, detergent
- NEW** • jars – mayo, peanut butter, jelly
- NEW** • tubs – butter, ice cream, margarine
- NEW** • plastic take-out containers
- NEW** • iced coffee cups
- NEW** • yogurt containers
- NEW** • plastic egg cartons

EMPTY + RINSE
DON'T CRUSH • NO STRAWS
GENTLY REPLACE PLASTIC CAPS + LIDS
NO STYROFOAM

PAPER + CARDBOARD

- newspaper • phonebooks • envelopes
- office paper • spiral notebooks
- flattened corrugated boxes
- wrapping and tissue paper **NEW**
- gift bags • paperback books
- food boxes • junk mail
- paper bags • magazines
- egg cartons
- shredded paper in clear plastic bags only **NEW**

NO REFRIGERATED
+ FROZEN FOOD BOXES
NO GREASY PIZZA BOXES



METAL CANS + FOIL

- aluminum – e.g. cans, foil, pie pans
- empty aerosol cans – hairspray, air freshener, whipped cream
- tin cans – soup, vegetables, tuna, pet foods

EMPTY + RINSE
DON'T CRUSH CANS
NEW NO SCRAP METAL
NEW NO WIRE HANGERS



CARTONS

- milk • soy milk • juice
- soup • broth • juice boxes

EMPTY + RINSE
NO JUICE POUCHES
OR STRAWS



There is so much more you can recycle. Don't worry about the #'s or triangles. Recycle ALL plastic containers 2 gallons or smaller.

Learn more about the do's and don'ts at RecycleTogetherRI.org



RECYCLING DON'TS

Don't recycle any of the following in your bin, cart, or box:



CONTAMINATED

- No containers still containing beverages or other liquids
- No containers still containing food or other solids
- No items covered in oil or grease

EMPTY CONTAINERS AT A MINIMUM; PREFERABLY RINSE
USE A NAPKIN TO WIPE OUT TAKE-OUT CONTAINERS
RIP OFF CLEAN PIZZA BOX TOPS, AND RECYCLE THE TOPS



HOT & COLD

- No refrigerated or frozen food boxes – e.g. butter, pizza, beer, soda, TV dinner
- No hot beverage cups
- No Styrofoam



HAZARDS

- No scrap metal – e.g. pots, pans, hangers, wires, appliances, chains, cables, nuts, bolts
- No broken glass or non-container glass – e.g. light bulbs, mirrors
- No sharps – i.e. injectable needles or lancets
- No Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) – e.g. propane tanks or “empty” bottles of motor fluid

CHECK WITH YOUR CITY OR TOWN FOR A DROP-OFF, OR FIND A SCRAP METAL RECYCLER IN THE PHONE BOOK
SECURE BROKEN GLASS IN A BOX AND PUT IN TRASH
SECURE SHARPS IN A HARD CONTAINER AND PUT IN TRASH
BRING HHW TO AN ECO-DEPOT EVENT
PUT “EMPTY” MOTOR FLUID BOTTLES IN TRASH



OTHER PLASTICS

- No plastic containers larger than 2 gallons and no non-container plastics – e.g. toys, furniture
- No plastic bags or recyclables in plastic bags (except shredded paper)
- No chip bags or candy wrappers
- No compostable plastic

CHECK WITH YOUR CITY OR TOWN FOR A DROP-OFF, OR BRING BULKY PLASTICS TO RIRRC
BRING PLASTIC BAGS BACK TO THE STORE FOR RECYCLING THROUGH THE RESTORE PROGRAM



HYBRIDS

- No packaging made with significant amounts of different materials (e.g. paper envelopes lined with bubble wrap, dog food bags lined with foil, canisters made of 3+ materials)



TEXTILES

- No clothing, shoes, or any other textiles

DROP OFF DRY, ODORLESS TEXTILES IN ANY CLOTHING COLLECTION BIN IN RI

Rethink Recycling! Want to know why you can't recycle these items in your bin or cart? Find out at RecycleTogetherRI.org.

