

Recyclable Paper



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✓ ACCEPTABLE

- All white & pastel paper
- Glossy paper & magazines
- Newspaper
- Hard & soft cover books
- Notebooks & notepads
- Small cardboard boxes
- Post-It notes
- Folders & envelopes
- Paper bags

✗ UNACCEPTABLE

- Paper towels, tissues, & napkins (put in organics)
- Disposable paper cups & plates
- Adhesive backings
- Candy & chip wrappers
- Frozen food boxes
- Food & beverage cartons

Cans & Bottles



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- Plastic bottles & jars
- Plastic milk jugs
- Plastic soap & detergent bottles
- Aluminum & tin cans
- Clean aluminum foil
- Glass bottles & jars (all colors)
- Empty aerosol cans

✗ UNACCEPTABLE

- Yogurt containers
- Coffee cups & to-go ware
- Clamshell containers
- Mirrors & light bulbs
- Plastic cups (SOLO Cups, etc)
- Ceramic dishes
- K-Cups & coffee pods

Organics

WHEN IN DOUBT, THROW IT OUT



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- All food scraps
- Coffee grounds & filters
- Paper towels, tissues, & napkins
- Pizza boxes from delivery
- Wooden stir sticks & toothpicks
- Certified compostable service ware (look for the term "compostable" or the BPI logo)



✗ UNACCEPTABLE

- Non-certified compostable plates, bowls, cups & utensils
- Sugar & tea packets, k-cups
- Paper food & beverage cartons
- Frozen food boxes
- Microwave popcorn bags
- Sanitary & cleaning wipes
- Personal hygiene products

Trash



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- Plastic wrappers & packaging
- Plastic or foil-lined paper wrappers (tea packets, oatmeal packets, etc.)
- Styrofoam & packing peanuts
- Stickers & sticker paper
- Take-out & fast food containers
- Single use coffee cups & K-cups (unless certified compostable)

! REMEMBER

It is very important to keep non-compostable items out of organics recycling.

When in doubt, throw it out.



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