

Recyclable Paper



✓ 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

Bottles & Cans



✓ ACCEPTABLE

- Plastic bottles & jars
- Plastic milk jugs
- Plastic soap & detergent bottles
- Aluminum cans & 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

Organics



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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 a certification 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, candy wrappers, 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.



Questions? Email recycle@umn.edu