DOG KENNEL

3. ‘commonBulk’

DRYER LINT

3. **Dryer lint** is mostly made of short, natural fibers from your clothing, in addition to a number of other non-**recyclable** items, like hair and dust. Therefore, **recycling** centers do not accept **dryer lint**. <https://wigglywisdom.com/is-dryer-lint-recyclable/#:~:text=No%2C%20dryer%20lint%20cannot%20be,do%20not%20accept%20dryer%20lint.>

DRYER SHEET

3. Dryer sheets are usually made of thin polyester that’s been covered in a fabric softener chemical and fragrance chemicals. Unfortunately, the wispy polyester isn’t recyclable.

There are some brands that do make dryer sheets from unbleached paper. However, they typically contain essential oil, which smells great on your clothes but contaminates [paper recycling](https://myrecycling.recyclebank.com/eco-library/paper-recycling). The good news is that essential oil (and paper) is safe to add to your compost pile.

<https://livegreen.recyclebank.com/column/because-you-asked/can-i-recycle-dryer-sheets>

DUMBELL 🡪 DUMBBELL (FIXED-WEIGHT)

1. `commonScarpMetal`

2. `infoScrapMetal`

3. If dumbbells are made of cast iron, they can be recycled as scrap metal. However, if dumbbells are coated with rubber or neoprene (synthetic rubber) for comfort, they are `commonBulk`.

DVD PLAYER

3. `commonElectronics`

EARPHONES // HEADPHONES

3. `commonElectronics`

EGG CARTON (PAPER)

1. To recycle your egg cartons, make sure they are clean and dry. If you place eggs back in the carton after cracking them, the carton is no longer recyclable due to the food residue. Food residue will contaminate the recycling process. <https://keeptruckeegreen.org/paper-egg-cartons-are-recyclable/#:~:text=Paper%20egg%20cartons%20are%20recyclable!,due%20to%20the%20food%20residue.>

2. `paper`

3. `paper`

EGG CARTON (PLASTIC)

1. plastic

2. plastic #1

The **plastic** is crushed and then shredded into small flakes which are then reprocessed to make new PET bottles, or spun into polyester fiber. <https://www.google.com/search?q=why+plastic+%231+is+recyclable&rlz=1C1GCEA_enUS916US916&oq=why+plastic+%231+is+recyclable&aqs=chrome..69i57j33.3374j0j7&sourceid=chrome&ie=UTF-8>

3. Plastic egg cartons are made from Plastic #1 (PET), which is acceptable in almost any recycling facilities.

<https://www.keeptruckeegreen.org/guide/egg-cartons-plastic/>

EGG CARTON (STYROFOAM)

`styrofoam`

EGG SHELLS

`food`

EGGS

`food`

ELECTRONICS

`computer`

ENVELOPE

`paper`

ENVELOPE (PADDED)

1. separate the plastic from the paper envelope. The plastic can usually be returned where you would take your plastic bags, and the paper can be recycled in your recycling bins. <https://www.afandpa.org/media/blog/bloga/2018/05/22/do-you-know-how-to-recycle-all-the-different-types-of-mail-you-receive#:~:text=Envelopes%20with%20address%20windows%3A%20Though,have%20a%20problem%20recycling%20these.&text=If%20the%20envelope%20is%20padded,plastic%20from%20the%20paper%20envelope.>

2. bubble wrap + paper

3. `commonBulk` (need separation)

ENVELOPE (WITH PLASTIC WINDOW)

1. (no food… regular instruction)

2.

3. Though it doesn’t hurt to remove the plastic piece, most paper recycling facilities don’t have a problem recycling these. During the pulping process, the pieces that don’t belong like staples, paperclips and these plastic windows are filtered out.

<https://www.afandpa.org/media/blog/bloga/2018/05/22/do-you-know-how-to-recycle-all-the-different-types-of-mail-you-receive#:~:text=Envelopes%20with%20address%20windows%3A%20Though,have%20a%20problem%20recycling%20these.&text=If%20the%20envelope%20is%20padded,plastic%20from%20the%20paper%20envelope.>

ERASER

1.

2.

3. Erasers belong on a long list of products that are classified as “nonrecyclable” mainly because they are so small and difficult to gather in large amounts. For recyclers, there is little incentive to begin recycling a material like erasers due to lack of demand (let alone profit). Therefore, hardly any eraser recycling companies exist.

<https://recyclenation.com/2014/05/practicing-three-rs-rubber-erasers/#:~:text=Unlike%20other%20office%20supplies%2C%20erasers,the%20endlessly%20mounting%20landfill%20issue.&text=Therefore%2C%20hardly%20any%20eraser%20recycling%20companies%20exist.>

E-READER

`electronics` / `computer`

EXERCISE EQUIPMENT

`commonBulk`

FABRIC SOFTENER

`degergentBottle`

FACIAL TISSUES

3. The fibers are too weak to be turned into usable paper. And **tissue** is often contaminated with oils that make them unable to be **recycled**—the same problem is inherent in trying to **recycle** paper towels. <http://www.mommygreenest.com/top-10-recycling-faqs-answered/#:~:text=Facial%20tissue%20can't%20be,trying%20to%20recycle%20paper%20towels.>

FIGURINES // PLASTIC TOYS

3. `commonBulk` + Another problem is identifying what type(s) of materials the figurines are made from. Because the quality of recycled items degrades once different materials are included in the items, recyclers often accept items that are composed of one material.

FILE CABINET 🡪 FILE CABINET (METAL)

1. Metal file cabinets can be recycled, but they’re too big for you to just put on the curb with your recycling bin, and most haulers won’t take them. **Instead, recycle metal file cabinets and other large metal items such as appliances or desks via a scrap recycler.**

<https://livegreen.recyclebank.com/column/because-you-asked/are-metal-file-cabinets-recyclable>

2. `steel`

3. Steel, which is what most file cabinets are made of, is one of the [most recycled materials in the world](https://www.thebalance.com/an-introduction-to-metal-recycling-4057469), and thankfully its qualities and durability don’t break down during the recycling process.

FIRE EXTINGUISHER

1. When you dispose of your fire extinguisher, squeeze the trigger and let a little bit of extinguishing agent out (the goal here is not to empty the fire extinguisher slowly, but instead to let the pressure out). Wait until the needle on the pressure gauge falls to zero (this could take a few hours to a few days), then take it to a hazardous waste center. They should be able to recycle both the extinguishant and the shell.

2.

3. Since the contents of a fire extinguisher are under pressure (and typically corrosive),**old fire extinguishers should not be disposed of in trashcans nor recycling bins.** Full or full or partially full fire extinguishers contain materials that could be environmentally hazardous, so it’s important that you take them to a facility that can process them.

4.  
Most fire extinguishers are rechargeable. Having a fire extinguisher refilled and checked is often significantly less expensive than the cost of a new unit. There are several local private companies that can provide this service for you.

<https://www.denvergov.org/content/denvergov/en/trash-and-recycling/recycling/recycling-directory-dropoff-locations.html#!rc-cpage=41174>

FISH (INCLUDING BONES)

`food`

FLOSS

`food contaminated` + `small`

FLUORESCENT BULB (CFL)

1) When removing a burnt-out CFL from a lamp, you first want to unplug the lamp to prevent electrocution. Likewise, if you’re replacing a CFL in a wall fixture, make sure to turn off the fuse box providing power to that section of the house.

1. If the bulb breaks, [here’s what to do](https://earth911.com/home-garden/broken-cfl-clean-up/). There’s no recycling market for broken fluorescent lamps.
2. Put the CFL in a plastic zipper bag to prevent any mercury from leaking if it breaks during transportation. Don’t pack multiple CFLs in the same bag, as this will increase the chance of them breaking.
3. You can take your CFLs to an antifreeze, batteries, oil, paint (ABOP) facility, or a household hazardous waste event. They are also accepted at all [Home Depot](http://ecooptions.homedepot.com/healthy-home/recycling/), [IKEA](http://www.ikea.com/ms/en_AA/customer-service/about-services/recycling/index.html), [Batteries + Bulbs](https://www.batteriesplus.com/t/recycling/Light-Bulb), and [Lowe’s](https://www.lowes.com/cd_Helping+the+Environment+With+Recycling+Centers_368967519_) stores in the U.S., as well as many regional chains. Find a drop-off location near you using our [Recycling Locator](https://earth911.com/recycling-guide/how-to-recycle-cfls/#recycling-locator).

<https://earth911.com/recycling-guide/how-to-recycle-cfls/>

2.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H3MosUfFk8o>

3. The CFL bulbs contain a small amount of mercury, which is