

Republic Services makes recycling easier than ever! Here's how:


- The quality of our recycling is just as important as the quantity.
- Not only do we work to increase the amount of material being recycled in our area, but we also strive to keep our recyclable materials as free of contamination as possible, conserving resources and energy.

Just follow the easy guidelines below when putting materials in your tan recycle cart:

PAPER

Recycle in the tan cart:

Newspaper Magazines
Brochures Envelopes
Junk Mail Maps
Phone Books Book Pages
Catalogues Post-its
Calendars (non-plastic coated)
Computer Paper (all colors)
Notebook Paper
File Folders
Colored Paper
Business Cards
Greeting Cards
Adding Machine Tape
Two-part Forms
Wrapping Paper (non-metallic)
Paper Bags
Paperboard Boxes (cereal boxes)
Frozen Food Boxes (with wrapped food inside)
Milk Cartons (rinsed & dried)
Aseptic Boxes (Soy milk/broth, rinsed & dried)
Corrugated Cardboard (cut small enough to fit inside your tan cart)
Store Receipts
Can Labels
Paper Egg Cartons
Paper Drink Carriers
Coffee Cup Wraps
Shredded Paper (place inside a *paper* bag)



The image shows a large pile of various household waste items. At the top, there are several newspapers and magazines. Below them are stacks of paper, including computer paper, notebook paper, and file folders. There are also stacks of colored paper, business cards, greeting cards, and adding machine tape. A large stack of two-part forms is visible. In the center, there are several boxes of cereal, including Raisin Bran and Quaker. To the right, there are milk cartons (Silk soy milk, Quaker milk), an egg carton, and a can of soup. At the bottom, there are stacks of wrapping paper, paper bags, and paperboard boxes. The items are all piled together, representing a large volume of household waste.



DO NOT

Recycle in the tan cart:

- Photographs
- Photograph Paper
- Waxed Boxes
- Laminated Paper
- Food Contaminated Paper
- Paper Drink Cups & Plates
(Not visible, but most have a plastic layer)
- Napkins
- Paper Towels
- Coffee Filters
- Tissue
- Tissue Paper

F.Y.I.

Paper recycling is all about fibers. Some papers, like tissue paper and paper towels, are made from very short, usually recycled fiber. Paper fibers can't be recycled forever. Once they become too short, they won't bond together. Other paper fibers are coated with things like plastic or metal and are not recyclable in the tan cart. The good news is that many more papers can be recycled than can't!



Recycle in the Tan Cart:

- Water Bottles
- Soda Bottles
- Juice Bottles
- Soap Bottles
- Shampoo Bottles
- Vitamin/Aspirin Type Bottles
- Condiment Type Bottles
- Milk Jugs
- Syrup Jugs
- Detergent Jugs
- Juice Jugs
- Animal Food Jugs
- Bleach Jugs
- Mayonnaise Jars
- Peanut Butter Jars
- Jam/Jelly Jars
- Margarine Tubs
- Yogurt Tubs
- Dip Tubs
- Whipped Topping Tubs
- Ice Cream Buckets
- Plastic Buckets (smaller than 5 gallon)
- Nursery Pots (1 quart & larger/smaller than 5 gallon)

Remove screw off caps. Flip off caps, like margarine tubs, can be included. Please rinse containers.



*****Please recycle just the plastic items listed above in your tan cart. It may be tempting to put in other common plastic items, but you will be sending those plastics that we do not accept to the landfill. We encourage customers to find alternatives for hard to recycle material.**

DO NOT

Recycle in the Tan Cart:

- PLASTIC BAGS
- Clam Shell Type Containers (to-go containers,
- Deli Tray Type Containers
- Clear Plastic Packaging
- Clear Plastic Cups & Plates
- Toys
- Styrofoam Cartons
- Styrofoam Peanuts
- Styrofoam Packaging
- Plastic Bags of any kind
- Plastic tarps
- Plastic furniture
- Tube-type Prescription Bottles

Plastic Recycling Factoids:

- The number on plastics does not indicate that a product can be recycled but identifies the resin group that item is made from. To make curbside recycling most efficient, look for the shapes of containers above and don't worry about the triangle with a number on it.
- In 1976, plastic became the most used material in the world.
- If you are wearing synthetic fibers like polyester, rayon or nylon, you are wearing plastic. Fibers are extruded from synthetic resins and woven together just like cotton or wool. Carpets and rugs are often made from recycled plastic.

Metals

Recycle in Tan Cart:

Household Cans (please rinse)

Labels can be left on and will burn away when the can is recycled or can be removed to ensure that the paper gets recycled too.

Metal Jar Lids

Tins (spice, mints, etc.)

Aluminum Foil (clean)

Aluminum Tins

Aerosol Cans (non-hazardous material, empty)

Pots & Pans



DO NOT

Recycle in Tan Cart:

Wire Hangers

Wire of Any Kind

Scrap Metal

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Metal is a sustainable material that can be recycled over and over again. In order to be recycled in the tan cart, it must be small and light enough to be sorted on an automated conveyor line. This is the reason wire type metals can't go in the tan cart. They tangle in the sorting mechanism and cause dangerous conditions and inefficient material sorting.

Metal scrap yards take most types of metal. Other materials like glass, plastic and wood need to be removed to recycle metal at a scrap yard. An example would be a lawn mower. The metal frame can be recycled but plastic parts and tires must be removed. All liquids must also be drained.

Metal Recycling Factoids:

- Every ton of steel recycled saves 2,500 pounds of iron ore, 1,400 pounds of coal & 120 pounds of limestone.
- Recycling steel and tin cans saves between 60 and 74% of the energy used to produce them from raw materials.
- Enough energy is saved annually by recycling steel in the U.S. to supply the city of Los Angeles with electricity for almost 10 years.
- A ton of soda cans made with recycled aluminum saves an amazing 21,000 kilowatt hours by reducing the virgin bauxite ore that would have to be mined, shipped and refined. That's a 95% energy savings over creating the same aluminum from raw materials.
- Aluminum does not lose quality with recycling and can be recycled indefinitely.
- Oregon recycles aluminum cans at a rate of over 75%. The national average is around 38%.
- Two thirds of the aluminum ever produced is still in use today through recycling.

Glass

Recycle at the curb in your
glass bin:

Glass Bottles
Glass Jars

Do Not Recycle:

Canning Jars
Pyrex ®
Drinking Glasses
China/Pottery
Light Bulbs
Mirror
Window Glass



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Glass is recycled in a separate bin on the side of the tan cart. Glass does not go in the tan cart. We recycle glass in a separate bin because once it breaks, it is very difficult to separate from other materials. All curbside programs in Oregon that collect glass recycle it on the side.