

What Goes in Garbage

(Clear Bags or Loose in Cans)

Items That **Go In:**

Non-recyclable plastics: Chip bags, candy wrappers, cling wrap, plastic cutlery, plastic straws, and non-compostable takeout containers.

Ceramic items: Broken mugs, plates, and dishware.

Paper towels, napkins, and tissues: If **soiled with chemicals**, cleaning products, or hazardous materials (e.g., grease solvents, bleach).

Vacuum dust and dryer lint: Collected dust, pet hair, and lint are not compostable.

Diapers and sanitary products: Regular diapers, pads, and tampons that contain plastic materials.

Textiles and footwear: Worn-out shoes, clothing, and fabrics that cannot be donated or repurposed.

Miscellaneous household items: Damaged plastic toys, non-recyclable foam packaging, and mixed materials that cannot be separated.

Items That **Stay Out:**

Food waste: Place in the **Green Bin** (compost).

Recyclables: Items like paper, glass jars, metal cans, and plastic bottles belong in the **Blue Box**.

Hazardous materials: Batteries, paint, cleaning chemicals, and electronic waste should be taken to a designated drop-off depot.

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What Goes in Recycling

(Blue Box)

Items That **Go In:**

Plastics:

- Bottles, tubs, and containers with the recycling symbol (e.g., water bottles, yogurt containers).
- Rigid plastic packaging (e.g., clam shells, laundry detergent jugs).

Paper and cardboard:

- Newspapers, magazines, flyers, office paper, and envelopes.
- Flattened cardboard boxes (e.g., cereal boxes, shipping boxes).

Glass:

- Clean glass bottles and jars (e.g., pasta sauce jars, beverage bottles).

Metal:

- Aluminum and tin cans (e.g., soda cans, soup tins).
 - Clean aluminum foil and trays.
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Items That **Stay Out:**

Plastic bags and cling wrap: These are not recyclable curbside but may be accepted at specific drop-off locations for soft plastics.

Food-soiled items: Pizza boxes with grease or food residue belong in the Green Bin.

Styrofoam: Styrofoam containers, packaging, or cups go in the garbage.

Mixed-material items: Items that combine plastic, metal, and other materials that cannot be separated (e.g., chip bags).

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What Goes in Composting

(Green Bin)



Items That Go In:

Food Waste:

- Fruits and vegetables: Peels, cores, rinds, and scraps.
- Meat, bones, and seafood: Cooked or raw, including plate scrapings.
- Dairy products: Milk, cheese, yogurt, and butter.
- Bread, pasta, rice, and baked goods.
- Coffee grounds, filters, and tea bags.

Yard Waste:

• Grass clippings, leaves, weeds, and small branches (up to 12mm thick and 1.5m long). Flowers and plant trimmings. Yard waste can continue to be placed in brown paper bags.

Soiled Paper Products:

- Paper towels, napkins, and tissues used with food waste or water (e.g., wiping up spills, grease from plates).
- Pizza boxes and food-soiled cardboard.
- Newspaper and paper bags used to line the Green Bin.

Other Organic Waste:

- Certified compostable bags (look for the certification logo).
- Pet waste and kitty litter (must be in compostable bags). Only biodegradable cat litter should be placed within the green bin. Clay based cat litter should go into the garbage.
- Small wood scraps, popsicle sticks, and compostable cutlery.

Items That Stay Out:

Plastic items: Containers, bags, cutlery, or plastic-lined paper.

Hazardous materials: Paint, chemicals, batteries, or oils.

Textiles and metals: Clothing, aluminum foil, or glass.

Larger wood pieces: Branches exceeding 12mm thick.

Soiled paper with chemicals: Paper towels, napkins, or tissues contaminated with cleaning products (garbage).

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