

# **CURBSIDE RECYCLING: HOW TO SORT FOR CURBSIDE PICKUP**

*From New Orleans, LA., Dept. of Sanitation*

Rinse all food container items before placing in recycling carts. Curbside: sorting is not required. Recycled material should be loose in carts - not in bags.

## **SINGLE STREAM RECYCLING**

*Paper – Cardboard – Metals –  
Plastics #1 & #2 (PET & HDPE)*



### **1). PLASTICS**

#### **Recycle:**

Plastics #1 (soda/water bottles) and #2 (milk/juice/shampoo/detergent containers etc.)

[Plastics #3-#7 are not recyclable]

### **2). CARDBOARD**

#### **Recycle:**

- 6, 12, and 24-pack PAPER drink cartons (flattened)
  - Paper egg cartons
  - Shoe boxes
  - Corrugated and paperboard boxes
- Flatten corrugated boxes and place in bin or on ground next to bin.

#### **Do Not Recycle:**

- NO pizza boxes
- NO plastic or foam packing material
- NO wax board (juice boxes/milk cartons)
- NO plastic bags

### **3). PAPER**

#### **Recycle these Curbside:**

- Junk mail
  - Coupons
  - White or colored paper
  - Gift Wrap
  - Envelopes
  - Paper Grocery Bags
  - Paper Shopping Bags
  - Catalogs
  - Magazines
  - Newspapers and inserts
- Remove rubber bands and plastic bags. Don't tie up newspapers.
- Paperback books
  - Telephone books

#### **Do Not Recycle:**

- NO soiled paper
- NO shredded paper
- NO photos
- NO hard cover books
- NO carbon paper
- NO newspaper delivery bags
- NO rubber bands
- NO plastic bags

### **4). METAL**

#### **Recycle:**

- Small aluminum and steel cans
- Empty and rinse all metal containers before recycling.

#### **Do Not Recycle:**

- NO aerosol cans
- NO wire hangers
- NO non-food metal containers
- NO ferrous metal containers

### **5). BOXBOARD**

#### **Recycle:**

- Soft drink boxes (rinse)
- Cereal and cracker boxes (remove liners)

#### **Do Not Recycle:**

- NO waxy frozen food packaging
- NO take-out food containers
- NO pizza boxes
- NO wax board
- NO plastic bags

## 6). GLASS

There is **no curbside** recycling of glass in the City residential recycling program. Residents **should not** put glass bottles in their recycling carts.

Residents can bring up to 50 lbs. of glass to the Elysian Fields recycling drop-off on the second and fourth Saturday of each month for recycling. <https://www.nola.gov/sanitation/>

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### WASTE ONLY



### Items Not Eligible For Curbside Recycling

- **Plastics #3 - #7 (all go to the landfill)**
- **Plastic Bags**
- **Wax board (juice boxes/milk cartons)**
- **Glass**
- **Styrofoam**
- **Pizza boxes**
- **Food-contaminated containers**
- **Plastic bags**
- **Bubble wrap**
- **Plastic film**
- **Plastic wrap**
- **6-pack rings**
- **Household garbage**
- **Yard trimmings**
- **Woody waste**
- **Building materials**
- **Household waste**
- **Hazardous waste (electronics, batteries, paint, chemicals, oil or oil filters)**
- **Soiled papers (diapers, tissues, paper towels, paper plates, napkins, pizza boxes)**
- **Clothes hangers**

- **Chemical containers**
- **Packing materials**

Even though some plastic items may have a recycling logo, if they are not 1 or 2 they are not accepted by the New Orleans' residential recycling program.

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### What Can You Do To Reduce Plastic Pollution?

- 1). Do not buy or use single-use plastic products (plastic straws, plastic utensils, plastic grocery bags, Styrofoam containers).
- 2). Request paper bags (reuse), paper straws, etc.
- 3). Support a legislative ban on single use plastic products.
- 4). Express your concerns to businesses and support a substitute for non-recyclable plastic products.
- 5). Ask your grocery store to stop the use of plastic bags. Take your own eco-friendly bags to carry groceries.
- 6). Support a more comprehensive recycling program. Reduce your purchase of over-packaged products.

**Supporting a Sustainable Environment is everyone's responsibility.**

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*For more information on what you can do:  
Contact the **Central Carrollton Association;**  
[www.ccaneworleans.org](http://www.ccaneworleans.org)*