MAPLE LAKE TOWNSHIP

What Can Be Recycled: Recycling Guide



Plastic Bottles & Containers

recyclable.

back on before tossing in the bin.

 $\widehat{{\mathbb P}}$ Clean and dry containers, then put the cap

Recycle plastics by shape:

bottles, jars, jugs and tubs.

The "chasing arrows" symbol

doesn't necessarily mean it's

Paper, newspaper and magazines are good to recycle.

If paper is soiled or wet, compost it.

Paper



Food & Beverage Containers



Rules for recycling milk cartons, juice boxes and food cartons vary by city, county and state. Check local recycling programs for options to recycle cartons.

Make sure containers are completely empty to avoid contamination.



Food & Beverage Cans

Recycle empty tin, aluminum and steel cans.

P Empty aerosol cans are also recyclable. If the can has a plastic lid, remove it before recycling.



Flattened Cardboard & Paperboard

Flatten and recycle all

cardboard and paperboard.

Glass Bottles & Containers



Glass recycling rules vary, please check your local program guidelines.

P Check local program guidelines for options to recycle glass. Some communities have curbside pickup or drop-off locations to recycle glass.



should not.

Cardboard pizza delivery boxes without leftovers or liners should be recycled; but leftover crusts, cheese and other food

Three Basic Rules

Knowing these rules and putting them into practice will help you recycle more efficiently. And it will help to ensure everything that makes it into your bin finds a second life.



RULE 1

Recycle bottles, cans, paper and cardboard



RULE 2

Keep food and liquid out of your recycling



No loose plastic bags and no bagged recyclables















Cartons/ Steel Cans Aseptic Containers



Magazines/ **Phone Books**



Mixed Food/







Foil/Containers



Misc. Paper



Freezer Boxes

Junk Mail/ Food/Beverage/





Office/Shredded



Fluorescent

Appliances



Clothing/



Yard Waste







Organics/ **Food Scraps**





Orange: Recycle at McLeod County HHW Facility ONLY Brown: Compostable Red: Trash Items



Waste/Batteries

Garbage/Trash



Household/ Pvrex® Construction Waste Ceramics/Pottery



Not Accepted in Your Bin



No Bagged Recyclables



Do not bag recyclables. They must be loose in the bin.

If you collect your recyclables in a bag, empty them directly into your cart and reuse the bag!



No Plastic Bags



Plastic bags are not accepted as part of curbside recycling programs - they get tangled in equipment and threaten worker safety.

Do not bag recyclables as materials inside may not get recycled. Reuse plastic bags, or learn where you can recycle them at plasticfilmrecycling.org.



No Flexible Packaging



Flexible packaging like chip bags and juice or soup pouches cannot be recycled in curbside programs.

This type of packaging is made from multiple materials preventing it from being recycled.



No Cups with Wax or **Plastic Coatings**



Cups with plastic or waxed coatings are not recyclable. The plastic lids should be trashed as well.

Invest in and carry a reusable cup instead.



No Polystyrene Foam & **Plastic**



Polystyrene foam, plastic "to-go" containers and cups are made of non-recyclable materials, and are not acceptable in the curbside recycling program.

Packing peanuts aren't recyclable either, however some shipping stores will take peanuts back for reuse.

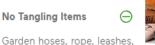


No Tangling Items

in the recycling bin.

wire, holiday lights, string

and chains should never go



No Household Items



Clothing, textiles, shower curtains, mini-pools, fencing and furniture don't go in the

Tanglers" can wrap around equipment, endanger workers and shut down entire recycling centers. If they are still in good condition, donate them.

Check local programs for reuse and recycling options first. Put them in the trash bin if no other options are available.

No Medical Waste

recycling.



No Dirty Diapers

Dirty diapers' and pet

waste's yuck factor increase

they shouldn't - the recycle

when they end up where



Medical waste can pose a safety hazard and never goes in curbside recycling or



No Garage Waste



waste bins.

Car parts, scrap metal, tires, filters, propane cylinders and the like are safety hazards if put in curbside recycling or trash bins.

These materials will spoil all of the recyclables, turning the load to trash. Trash these instead and keep recyclables clean

P Needles are especially dangerous so dispose of them in a safe container like our MedWaste Tracker® box, or contact your local provider.

P Check locally for special collection retailer or scrap recycler.

Please rinse/wash containers so they are free from leftover food, etc. If they aren't clean, they may not be recyclable.