Paper/fibre



Material & examples

What to know



Cardboard boxes

Pizza boxes, direct mail boxes, moving boxes, shoe boxes.

Flatten. No larger than 60 x 60 cm.



Boxboard

Cereal boxes, tissue boxes, egg cartons, rolls from toilet paper and paper towel.

Flatten.

Empty.



Paper

Any colour, including flour bags, prescription bags, paper produce bags.

Notepads, white or coloured loose paper, file folders, other printed materials.

Community newspapers, flyers, brochures and magazines.

Greeting cards and envelopes, gift boxes.

- Empty.
- Place shredded paper in a tied clear plastic bag.
- Separate from plastic bags used to cover items, remove elastic bands.
- Remove rope handle from bags.
- Do not include soft or hard covered books/novels.

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	Paper laminate packaging Pet food bags, food service paper bags, and plates.	☑ Empty.
	Paper laminate packaging Spiral cans, cookie dough package, ice cream containers, and hot and cold beverage cups.	Empty. Remove lids.
	Cartons Beverage cartons, juice and milk cartons, coffee creamers, and sugar cartons, soup and sauce cartons.	Empty. Lids on. Do not include alcoholic beverage containers.

Plastic



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What to know









Plastic containers

Laundry detergent and household cleaner jugs, shampoo, body wash, salad dressing, condiment, dish soap, mouth wash bottles, plastic beverage bottles.

Food trays, salad, yogurt, peanut butter, bakery and egg containers, plastic cups, plastic tubs and lids.

Toothpaste tubes, deodorant, hand cream tubes.

Small item packaging, hand sanitizer bottles, plant pots.

Empty.

Lids on.

Do not include alcoholic beverage containers.

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Flexible plastic packaging

Bags used for dry cleaning, bread, newspapers and flyers. Overwrap (paper towel & toilet paper, beverage containers). Coffee bags or deli pouches, chip bags, bubble wrap, snack wrappers, cereal liner bags, plastic gift bags.

Empty.



Foam packaging

Meat trays, takeout containers, cups, plates, bowls, foam packaging.

Empty.

Remove film wrap and absorbent pads from meat trays.

Metal



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	Metal Food cans, metal lids, cookie, coffee and tea tins, beverage cans.	Empty. Do not include alcoholic beverage containers.
	Aluminum (foils and trays) Aluminum foil, pie plates, frozen food trays.	Empty. Ball up aluminum foil.
	Aerosol containers Food spray, hairspray, air fresheners, shaving cream, deodorant.	Empty. Lids on.

Glass



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What to know



Glass containers

Clear and coloured glass. Food containers, jars and bottles, cosmetic containers, spice bottles, oil and vinegar bottles, non-alcoholic glass beverage containers.



Lids off.

Do not include alcoholic beverage containers.