

Recycling Guidelines

These apply to the municipal recycling programs (pages 5-13). Items accepted vary by program.

Aluminum Cans

- aluminum cans used for drinks or food
- **empty, rinsed and crushed ***

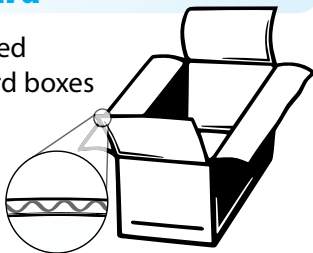


EXAMPLES

- soda, beer or some pet food cans

Cardboard

- corrugated cardboard boxes (3-layer)
- **clean, empty and dry**
- flatten boxes please
- cut to fit inside a curbside bin
- pizza boxes OK (**NEW**)
 - **clean** and empty
 - NO food or grease
 - if bottom is greasy, tear off and recycle clean lid only



Glass Bottles and Jars

- **empty and rinsed ***
- labels OK
- NO caps or lids

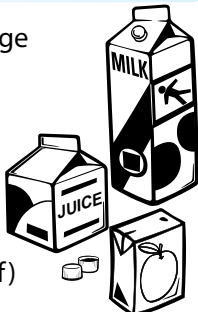


EXAMPLES

- wine bottles or pickle jars

Milk and Juice Cartons

- gable-top beverage containers
- drink boxes (no straws)
- **empty, rinsed and crushed ***
- caps OK (on or off)



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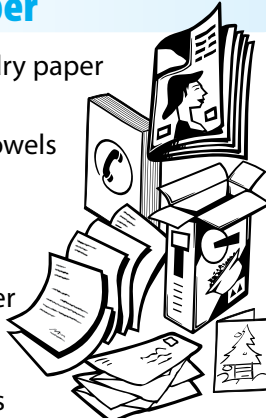
- milk or orange juice cartons
- single-serving juice boxes

Mixed Paper

- any **clean**, dry paper that tears
- NO paper towels or tissues

EXAMPLES

- white or colored paper
- magazines or catalogs
- phone books
- junk mail or envelopes
- wrapping paper
- single layer paperboard items (such as empty cereal boxes)



Newspapers

- **clean** and dry
- inserts OK



Plastic Bottles

- "Check for a Neck!"—recycle any plastic container with a neck opening smaller than the base
- **empty, rinsed and crushed ***
- labels OK
- caps OK (**NEW**)
 - take caps OFF so that liquids dry out, the bottles may be crushed and caps don't "explode"
 - place cap and bottle in the bin

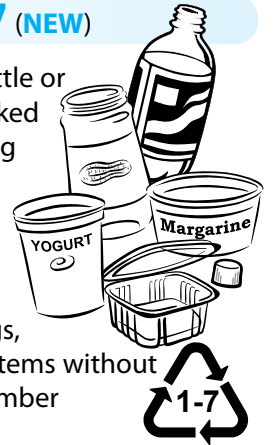


EXAMPLES

- water, milk or mouthwash bottles

Plastics #1-7 (**NEW**)

- any plastic bottle or container marked with a recycling triangle and a number
- **empty, rinsed and crushed ***
- NO plastic bags, Styrofoam or items without a recycling number



EXAMPLES

- plastic bottles
- plastic containers such as yogurt cups, margarine tubs, deli containers or mayonnaise jars

Steel Cans

- steel (tin) cans used for food
- **empty and rinsed ***
- labels and lids OK
- aerosol cans accepted by Waste Management and unincorporated Pinellas programs only



EXAMPLES

- soup or vegetable cans

Yard Waste

- must be piled or bundled separately
- guidelines vary (see pages 5-13)



EXAMPLES

- branches, leaves, brush or grass clippings

Wash & Squash

- * Please make sure that containers are **emptied and rinsed (no food)**. We encourage rinsing for sanitary reasons, and crushing to save space. (Glass should not be crushed.)