

WHAT ITEMS CAN BE RECYCLED?

PLASTIC CONTAINERS

ALL PLASTIC CONTAINERS UP TO 2 GALLONS
DISREGARD THE NUMBERS AND THE TRIANGLE

- bottles – e.g. soda, shampoo, water
- jugs – milk, juice, detergent
- NEW** • jars – mayo, peanut butter, jelly
- NEW** • tubs – butter, ice cream, margarine
- NEW** • plastic take-out containers
- NEW** • iced coffee cups
- NEW** • yogurt containers
- NEW** • plastic egg cartons

EMPTY + RINSE
DON'T CRUSH • NO STRAWS
GENTLY REPLACE PLASTIC CAPS + LIDS
NO STYROFOAM



GLASS CONTAINERS

- jars – e.g. pasta sauce, jelly, baby food
- bottles – soda, wine, beer

EMPTY + RINSE
REMOVE METAL LIDS
+ RECYCLE BOTH



PAPER + CARDBOARD

- newspaper • phonebooks • envelopes
- office paper • spiral notebooks
- flattened corrugated boxes
- wrapping and tissue paper **NEW**
- gift bags • paperback books
- food boxes • junk mail
- paper bags • magazines
- egg cartons
- shredded paper in clear plastic bags only **NEW**

NO REFRIGERATED
+ FROZEN FOOD BOXES
NO GREASY PIZZA BOXES



METAL CANS + FOIL

- aluminum – e.g. cans, foil, pie pans
- empty aerosol cans – hairspray, air freshener, whipped cream
- tin cans – soup, vegetables, tuna, pet foods

EMPTY + RINSE
DON'T CRUSH CANS
NEW NO SCRAP METAL
NEW NO WIRE HANGERS



CARTONS

- milk • soy milk • juice
- soup • broth • juice boxes

EMPTY + RINSE
NO JUICE POUCHES
OR STRAWS



There is so much more you can recycle. Don't worry about the #'s or triangles. Recycle ALL plastic containers 2 gallons or smaller.

Learn more about the do's and don'ts at RecycleTogetherRI.org



RECYCLING DON'Ts

Don't recycle any of the following in your bin, cart, or box:



CONTAMINATED

- No containers still containing beverages or other liquids
- No containers still containing food or other solids
- No items covered in oil or grease

*EMPTY CONTAINERS AT A MINIMUM, PREFERABLY RINSE
USE A NAPKIN TO WIPE OUT TAKE-OUT CONTAINERS
RIP OFF CLEAN PIZZA BOX TOPS, AND RECYCLE THE TOPS*



HOT & COLD

- No refrigerated or frozen food boxes – e.g. butter, pizza, beer, soda, TV dinner
- No hot beverage cups
- No Styrofoam



HAZARDS

- No scrap metal – e.g. pots, pans, hangers, wires, appliances, chains, cables, nuts, bolts
- No broken glass or non-container glass – e.g. light bulbs, mirrors
- No sharps – i.e. injectable needles or lancets
- No Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) – e.g. propane tanks or "empty" bottles of motor fluid

*CHECK WITH YOUR CITY OR TOWN FOR A DROP-OFF,
OR FIND A SCRAP METAL RECYCLER IN THE PHONE BOOK
SECURE BROKEN GLASS IN A BOX AND PUT IN TRASH
SECURE SHARPS IN A HARD CONTAINER AND PUT IN TRASH
BRING HHW TO AN ECO-DEPOT EVENT
PUT "EMPTY" MOTOR FLUID BOTTLES IN TRASH*



OTHER PLASTICS

- No plastic containers larger than 2 gallons and no non-container plastics – e.g. toys, furniture
- No plastic bags or recyclables in plastic bags (except shredded paper)
- No chip bags or candy wrappers
- No compostable plastic

*CHECK WITH YOUR CITY OR TOWN FOR A DROP-OFF,
OR BRING BULKY PLASTICS TO RIRRC
BRING PLASTIC BAGS BACK TO THE STORE FOR
RECYCLING THROUGH THE RESTORE PROGRAM*



HYBRIDS

- No packaging made with significant amounts of different materials (e.g. paper envelopes lined with bubble wrap, dog food bags lined with foil, canisters made of 3+ materials)



TEXTILES

- No clothing, shoes, or any other textiles

*DROP OFF DRY, ODORLESS TEXTILES IN ANY CLOTHING
COLLECTION BIN IN RI*

Rethink Recycling! Want to know why you can't recycle these items in your bin or cart? Find out at RecycleTogetherRI.org.

