What Items Can I Recycle?

Guidelines Before You Recycle

- Empty and rinse all containers
- Remove any metal components from plastic items
- Flatten corrugated cardboard and boxboard
- Make sure recyclables are loose and not placed in bags

IMPORTANT:
Please verify what items are accepted with your local government or waste hauler. Use the back of this card as a guide to determine which items are commonly accepted at recycling centers and what materials are non-recyclable.
**RECYCLABLE**

- **PAPER**
  - Newspaper
  - Envelopes
  - Magazines
  - Junk mail
  - Paper bags
  - Catalogs

- **PLASTICS**
  - Plastic bottles
  - Milk jugs
  - Food tubs
  - Soap bottles
  - Detergent bottles

- **METALS**
  - Aluminum cans
  - Steel and tin cans
  - Aluminum foil

- **CARDBOARD/BOXBOARD**
  - Food boxes
  - Shoe boxes
  - Shipping boxes

**NON-RECYCLABLE**

- **FOOD**
- **PLASTIC BAGS**
- **LIGHT BULBS**
- **BATTERIES**
- **ELECTRONICS**
- **METAL HANGERS**
- **PET WASTE**
- **STYROFOAM**
- **WOOD**
- **CLOTHING**

You can find even more recycling tips, including where to recycle some of these items, in our *A Quick Guide to Recycling* brochure (GI-288) at tceq.texas.gov/p2/recycle

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