3 BASIC RULES

RULE 1

Recycle bottles, cans, cups, tubs, paper and cardboard*

RULE 2

Keep food and liquid out of your recycling

RULE 3

No loose plastic bags and no bagged recyclables

WHEN IN DOUBT, THROW IT OUT!

YES

Into Your Recycling Cart

These items can go in your recycling bin, as long as they're clean and dry.

ALWAYS RECYCLE

Plastic bottles, cups & containers

Paper & paper cups

Flattened cardboard & paperboard

Food & beverage cans

Glass bottles & containers

Make sure everything in your cart can be recycled and fits inside your cart.

Recycle Reload Policy.

NO

NOT Accepted in your Recycling Cart

Try to reduce and reuse these items instead of putting them in the trash.

DO NOT INCLUDE IN YOUR RECYCLING CONTAINER

NO batteries, power tools, flammables or hazardous waste

NO clothing, furniture or carpet

NO loose plastic bags, bagged recyclables or film

Empty recyclables directly into your bin

NO foam cups, containers or straws

NO green / pet waste

NO food or liquids

The ‘chasing arrows’ symbol doesn’t necessarily mean it’s recyclable.

YES

These items can go in your recycling bin, as long as they're clean and dry.

Plastic Bottles, Cups & Containers
Recycle by shape: Bottles, jars, jugs, tubs and cups #5 only

Empty and dry containers, then put the cap or lid back on before tossing in the bin. No foam or compostable cups.

NO Red SOLO cups – they are #6.

Food & Beverage Containers
Milk cartons, juice boxes and food cartons are recyclable. Other food and beverage containers are trash unless they are #5.
Black plastic food containers are TRASH.

Make sure containers are completely empty to avoid contamination.

Paper & Paper Cups
Paper, newspaper, magazines and empty paper cups are good to recycle. Shredded paper: Place in paper bag. Compost or trash soggy paper products.

Paper cups must be empty and recycled without lids. Keep cup sleeves on.

Flattened Cardboard & Paperboard
Flatten and recycle all cardboard and paperboard. Cut into 2' x 2' pieces to fit in the cart.

Cardboard pizza delivery boxes without leftovers or liners should be recycled.

Food & Beverage Cans
Recycle empty tin, aluminum and steel cans.

Make sure cans are completely empty to avoid contamination.

Glass Bottles & Containers
Bottles and jars, clear, brown, green colors are accepted.

Remove caps and lids and pace in garbage. No broken glass accepted.

NO

Try to reduce and reuse these items instead of putting them in the trash.

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.

No Plastic Wrap & Film
Plastic wrap, bubble wrap, sandwich bags and freezer bags should not go in the recycle bin.

Reuse whenever possible or look for local options to recycle.

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 Polystyrene Foam
Polystyrene foam containers and cups are not acceptable in the curbside recycling program.

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

OTHER PROBLEM MATERIALS That DON'T belong in the Recycling Cart

No Batteries, Power Tools, Flammables or Hazardous Waste
These items can cause fires when recycled improperly. Dispose of them at WLSSD Household Hazardous Waste Facility.

Keep batteries separate in a cool place and bring to WLSSD HHW Facility.

No Tangling Items
Garden hoses, rope, leashes, wire, holiday lights, string and chains should never go in the recycling bin.

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

No Food Waste or Liquids
These materials will spoil all of the recyclables, turning the load to trash.

Instead backyard compost or drop food scraps off at one of WLSSD food waste bin in your neighborhood.

No Green Waste / Pet Waste
Yard waste doesn't belong in the trash or recycling carts.

Sign up for yard waste pickup from Hartel's or drop off your yard waste at WLSSD.

No Dirty Diapers
Dirty diapers' and pet waste's shouldn't go in the recycle cart!

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

No Household Items
Clothing, textiles, shower curtains, mini-pools, fencing and furniture don't go in the recycling.

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

No Medical Waste
Medical waste can pose a safety hazard and never goes in curbside recycling or waste carts.

Don't put our employees lives in danger. Dispose of medical sharps/needles properly. Place in a puncture resistant container, such as a detergent bottle or plastic soda bottle with a screw top lid. Label: MEDICAL SHARPS. Deliver to the WLSSD Household Hazardous Waste Facility. Hartel's Disposal does NOT ACCEPT these items.

No Garage Waste
Car parts, scrap metal, tires, filters, propane cylinders and the like are safety hazards if put in curbside recycling or trash carts.

Check locally for special collection programs or take them to a local retailer or scrap recycler.

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