Recycle

What goes in the blue bin:

Live a Zero Waste lifestyle. Choose durable and reusable items to replace disposable items.

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Paper
If you can rip it, recycle it. Any color staples are okay.

No bindings or clips

Examples:
- aseptic containers
- juice box brochures
- calendars
- cereal box
- chipboard
- copy/computer paper
- corrugated boxes
- flattened file folders
- hardcover books
- cover removed junk mail
- magazines
- manila envelopes
- milk cartons
- newspapers
- paper bags
- paper pads/notebooks
- paperboard
- frozen food box
- phonebooks/catalogs
- pizza boxes
- no grease, no pizza posters
- softcover books
- sticky notes

Plastic
Rigid plastics only
Lids and caps are okay

Anything smaller than 2.5 inches in diameter cannot be recycled

No soft plastics | plastic bags

No Styrofoam | including cups

Examples:
- clear bottles
- water and soda bottles
- clear clamshells
- salad container
- clear cups
- beverage cup
- clear tubs
- candy tub
- microwave food trays
- no food waste natural jugs
- milk jug
- opaque bottles
- shampoo bottle
- opaque cups
- yogurt cup
- opaque jugs
- detergent bottle
- opaque tubs
- cottage cheese tub plates
- disposable event plates
- serving platters and lids

Metal
Any metal
Labels are okay

No electronics
No large scrap metal

Examples:
- aluminum cans
- aluminum foil | no food waste energy beverage can
- steel cans | soup/tuna cans
- serving trays and lids
- soda can
- storage tins

Glass
Any color glass food container
Labels and lids are okay

No ceramics
No lab glass
No light bulbs
No mirrors

Examples:
- bottles
- soda bottle jars
- pickle jar

Avoid contaminants
food • liquids • napkins • paper towels

Solutions:
- Dump liquids into a sink, then recycle cup.
- Scrape food off or wipe clean with your used napkin, then recycle.
What goes in the green bin:

Live a Zero Waste lifestyle. Collect organic waste to create nutrient-rich fertilizer.

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Compostable paper

No coated paper cups or plates

Examples:
- 100% paper bag
- 100% paper plates
- muffin wrappers
- napkins
- paper coffee filters and coffee grounds
- tea bag | staple removed
- wooden chopsticks
- wooden toothpicks
- wooden stir sticks

Grain

Examples:
- bakery foods
- bread
- cake
- noodles
- pasta
- pizza
- rice

Produce

Examples:
- all fruits | including pits and seeds
- all vegetables | including pits and seeds
- flowers
- fried foods | chips and french fries
- legumes
- peels and rinds

Protein

Examples:
- beans
- beef
- bones and shells
- chicken
dairy
- egg shells
- fish
- pork
- tofu

When in doubt leave it out.

NO: Bioplastics, even if it says BPI, ASTM compliant or compostable; gum, recyclables, Styrofoam®, or tissues.