Can I Recycle This?

YES

Cardboard, paper, plastic bottles, and cans.

NO

Plastic bags, food waste, glass, or Styrofoam™.

Clean Paper & Cardboard

Coated Paper Containers

Empty Plastic Bottles & Jugs

Other Plastics & Styrofoam™

Empty Aluminum & Steel Cans

All Glass, Food & Yard Waste

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TRASH RECYCLING COLLECTION
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DO NOT bag items!

KEEP IT CLEAN! All items must be free of food & liquids.

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Did you know?

You should NOT put plastic bags in the recycling?

No, not even trash bags- any stretchy plastic jams up sorting equipment

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Why can't I recycle my plastic bags?

When we pick up your recycling in one of our trucks, it is combined with other people's recycling and taken to a Materials Recovery Facility, or MRF. There the material is separated by type so it can be sent to manufacturers for reuse. A long assembly line of people and machines help sort out plastic bottles from aluminum cans, cardboard from paper. The process has a bunch of mechanical elements, and plastic bags quite literally get stuck in the gears and grind the process to a halt. Plastic bags and film are our MRF's #1 problem; several times a day, they have to completely stop their assembly line to pull plastic bags out of the machinery.

Grocery store plastic bags are the biggest culprit, but any stretchy plastic will cause the same problems. Besides trash bags, another repeat offender, this category includes sandwich bags, plastic wrap, produce bags, and quite a bit of packaging. If it's plastic and you can stretch it, it belongs in the trash. Remember: when in doubt, throw it out.

How do I **Reduce?**

This one is easy- bring your own bags to the grocery store! If that sounds like too much forethought, just keep a couple of reusable bags in your car. They also make bags that fold up quite small for those of the purse-carrying persuasion. For extra credit, bring spare bags for produce, or simply don't bag fresh items individually. Tupperware can be used in place of Ziploc bags.

How do I **Reuse?**

Zip-top bags can be washed out and reused for the same purpose. Grocery and other bags can be used to line small household trash cans, or to pick up after pets.

How do I **Recycle?**

While plastic bags CANNOT go into your recycle bin, they can be recycled if processed separately. You can drop off your plastic bags to be recycled at any Walmart Supercenter, Lowes or Target. Find your nearest plastic bag recycler at http://www.abagslife.com/find-a-recycle-center/)!

But what about **trash bags?**

Please don't bag your recyclables! Recyclable materials are generally clean, so most people can get away with not lining their indoor bins and rinsing them out if they get dirty. If that's not possible for you, make sure to shake the recyclables out when you get to your outside container- put the trash bag in the trash where it belongs.

Did you know?

You should NOT put dirty containers in your recycling?

The second largest contaminant in recycling is food waste! Please make sure to only toss clean and empty recyclables in your recycling bin!

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PLASTIC BOTTLES AND JUGS ONLY!

IF IN DOUBT, THROW IT OUT!

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Recycling tip #4

Common questions regarding metal cans:

1. **Do I have to remove the label?**

   No!

2. **Do I have to rinse the cans?**

   If you flip your can upside down, shake it and nothing comes out, you're good to go! As long as the can is empty and dry it is okay to be tossed in.

Recycling has been in the news a lot lately, especially when it comes to the foreign markets. Some people may post things about recycling being not valuable/a waste of time. Metals are definitely still valuable, more valuable than anything else that can go in the recycling bin (papers, cardboard, plastic)!

Recycling Tip #5

Did you know? When you try to recycle mixed materials such as cardboard inside plastic wrap or a newspaper still in its bag, it will end up at the landfill? Please remove the cardboard/newspaper from its plastic film—recycle the cardboard/newspaper and toss the plastic film! Questions? Contact Ace Disposal at 801-363-9995 or recycle@acedisposal.com

Common questions regarding mixed materials:

1. **Why can't they separate it at the materials recovery facility?**
   At the MRF, the workers do not have enough time! They must work quickly to remove contamination on a fast-moving sort line. When they see plastic film of any kind, they have to take it out because it can damage the equipment.

2. **Do I have to remove the label from cans?**
   No!

3. **Do I have to remove the plastic windows from envelopes?**
   No! Paper recycling companies are ready to handle that small amount of plastic.

4. **Can I toss in aseptic cartons (soymilk/broth boxes), chip bags, or pet food bags?**
   No! This will be the next recycling tip! Those containers are made from multiple materials that cannot be separated by hand, therefore not recyclable.

Recycling Tip #6

Common questions regarding mixed materials:

1. **Why can't you take Styrofoam? It has the recycle symbol with a number on it!**
   The recycling symbol on items does not mean that the item is recyclable! The recycling symbol is in the public domain; therefore, anyone can use it. When you see the chasing arrows with a number on plastic items, it is just telling you the type of plastic it is. And unfortunately, it is not recyclable.

   Packing Styrofoam (but not packing peanuts) can be dropped off to be recycled at the following places: Recycle Utah in Park City, Marko Foam in Salt Lake City, and ACH Foam Technologies in Murray.

2. **Can I recycle the plastic egg containers?**
   No! The only acceptable plastics are in the form of bottles and jugs.

Lid Closed!

Recycling 101

Keep your recyclables dry!

Make sure the lid on your bin is completely closed! Flatten and cut down any boxes that may cause the lid to not close all the way!

Did you know?

You can take your string lights to most scrap metal recyclers!

While string lights are not accepted in your home recycling bin, they can be recycled! Give your local scrap metal recycler a call to find out if they take them!

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*Plain wrapping paper can be recycled!

*If your wrapping paper has glitter or foil, it CANNOT be recycled. Bows and ribbons do not belong in your recycling bin either, opt to reuse!

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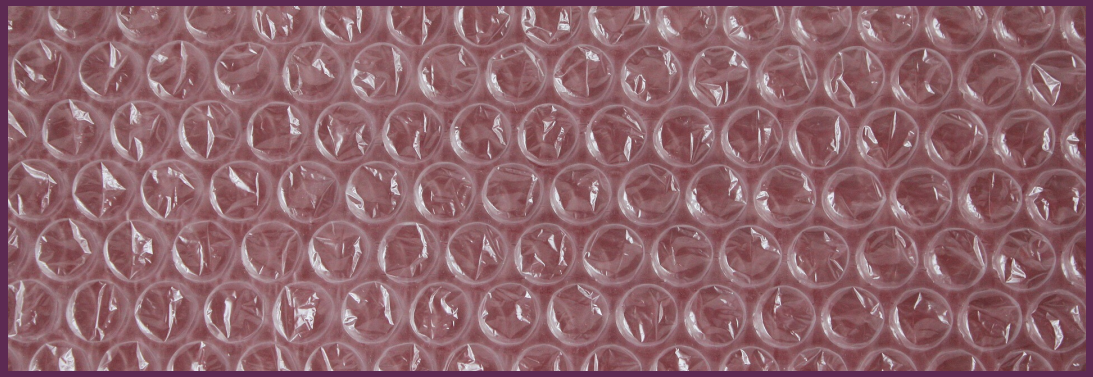
Recycling Packing Materials During the Holidays!

Reuse or dispose of the Styrofoam packaging in the trash.



Take the bubble wrap or plastic film to your local grocery store with your plastic bags.

Flatten your cardboard box and place it in your recycling bin!

Recycling Tip #8

Suggested text for social media:

Did you know? Glass is 100% recyclable. When it is tossed in your recycling bin at home, it can break and harm workers at the sorting facilities. However, you can still recycle your glass containers by taking them to a drop-off location! The glass is processed and recycled here in Utah! For drop-off locations, please click here -> https://bit.ly/36zfv8f #RecycleRight @AceDisposal

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Common questions regarding glass:

1. **Why can't glass go in my recycling bin?**

It's because the recycling sorting facilities in Utah do not have the equipment to process glass.

Recycling Tip!

Keep Labels On!

You do not have to remove labels. Just make sure your cans and bottles are empty and dry!

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We are often asked if labels need to be removed from bottles and cans—the answer is no! When it comes to your food cans and plastic bottles and jugs, the most important thing is to make sure that those items are clean, empty and dry. When containers that still contain food waste are tossed in recycling bins, they will contaminate otherwise clean recycling, sending more items to the landfill that could have been recycled.

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We often talk about making the switch from disposable to reusable bags, but we don't talk about how to care for reusable bags. Don't forget to wash them frequently! Follow the care instructions listed on your bag for the best guidelines. If your bag does not have care instructions, see below for some rule of thumbs. When in doubt, hand wash and line dry! https://www.cleaninginstitute.org/cleaning-tips/clothes/fabric-care/cleaning-reusable-bags

Toss your tissues in the trash!

Tissues, toilet paper, and paper towels do not go in the recycling bin—they must be placed in the trash! The fibers that make up these items are too short to be recycled!

Wet wipes should be tossed in the trash as well—even if they claim they are flushable, they are not!

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Office paper, junk mail, and magazines are all allowed in your recycling bin. However, the fibers that make up items like toilet paper, tissues, and paper towels are too short be made into another product. Please recycle right and make sure you are tossing these products in the trash!

No gloves or masks in the recycling bin!

PPE is not recyclable and must be disposed of in the trash.

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To leave on or throw out? That is the question! The lids of your bottles and jugs are made from a different plastic than the container it's on, this is why originally people were told to remove the lids. However, now there are more efficient ways for recyclers to separate the lids from the containers at the plastics recycling facility, **they can be left on**. But if you remove the lid and still toss it in the recycling bin, it will not be recycled! The lid by itself is too small to be captured to during the recycling sorting process.

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