



RECYCLING AT HOME

WHAT GOES WHERE?



Check with your local jurisdiction, but generally...

These items are typically accepted by local recycling facilities via curbside bin pickup. Make sure these items are free of food debris. It is not necessary to remove labels from these items:

- Clean glass bottles
 - Clean aluminum
 - Clean paper/cardboard
 - Plastic bottle caps
 - Cartons (like milk or juice boxes)
 - Paper gift wrap
 - Clean dairy tubs
 - Brown amazon paper mailers,
 - All types 1 & 2 plastic or types 3 - 7 plastic containers
 - Wood
 - Greasy, or food covered cardboard
 - Chemically treated paper (photographs)
 - Paper towels cannot be recycled in curbside bins.
- Shredded paper/sticky notes cannot be recycled (In San Mateo County, you may place shredded paper in a folded paper bag, label the bag as shredded paper, and place it in the curbside recycling bin)

Try to **“precycle”** these items by avoiding products/packaging with these plastics in the first place. Also, consider creative ways of reusing these items so that they avoid the landfill.

- Styrofoam,
- Plastic clam shell trays,
- Plastic hangers
- Deli food trays are not recyclable



Organic



Paper



Plastic



Glass



Metal

Grocery stores (Kroger, Ralphs, Safeway, Target, Walmart) have receptacles for these plastics:

Number 3 plastic

- Bubble wrap
- Plastic amazon bags
- Clean plastic bags
- Overwrap from paper towels
- Cereal box liners, clean bread bags, clean sandwich bags
- Clean plastic wrap

Save and clean all plastics of this type (pieces must be larger than a credit card) and bring them with you the next time you go grocery shopping.

Other packaging such as toothpaste tubes, chip bags, etc. are not accepted at the store receptacles, but you can collect and clean these bags and send them in the mail to be recycled for free by using terracycle.com

