

Guide for preparing recyclable materials for the City of Watertown

"No recycling services will be provided to any City resident who does not participate in the municipal refuse collection services as provided at § 161-22 of the City of Watertown Code [Added 3-18-2002 by L.L. No. 5-2002]"



Suitable Recycling Containers

Any durable, weather proof, container, can, pail, basket, or bucket capable of holding separated recyclables that does not exceed 20-gallons in capacity. **One separated group per container.** Containers must be placed in front of residence, near margins for curbside pickup by 7 am. **DO NOT USE PLASTIC BAGS, paper bags, cardboard boxes or containers with multiple compartments.** Questions? Call 785-7842

Newspaper, Magazines and Mixed Paper

Recyclable

- Office & copier paper
- Junk mail & envelopes
- Newspaper, magazines & catalogues
- Shredded Paper
- Telephone Books
- Paperback Books (No hardcover books)

DO NOT INCLUDE

- Paper cups, paper plates, paper towels, tissues, toilet paper
- Diapers
- Hard covered books (unless covers have been torn off)
- Wax paper, freezer wrap
- **NO PLASTIC BAGS**

Corrugated Cardboard

Recyclable

- Corrugated cardboard – must be clean and dry
- Remove shipping labels, tape and staples. Needs to be broke down, no larger than 3' x 3' and stack neatly to the curb
- Pizza Boxes

DO NOT INCLUDE

- Wax, plastic, Styrofoam or metal coatings
- Milk or juice cartons
- **NO PLASTIC BAGS**

Plastic Bottles

Recyclable

- Plastic Bottles, Containers & Tubs



- Empty and rinsed clean. Labels and caps can stay on

DO NOT INCLUDE

- **PLASTIC SHOPPING BAGS**, toys, hangers, tableware, Plexiglas, plastic wraps
- Automotive Oil containers
- Styrofoam (even with symbol)

Tin and Aluminum

Recyclable

- Tin, aluminum and beverage cans
- Aluminum pans and foil
- Metal lids from jars
- Rinse clean, flatten if possible

DO NOT INCLUDE

- Aerosol cans, silverware, hangers, paint cans, batteries, scrap metal
- Combined paperboard/metal containers: examples include frozen juice concentrate and powdered drink mix containers
- **NO PLASTIC BAGS**

Glass

Recyclable

- Glass bottles and jars only
- Remove and discard caps and lids (metal lids may be included with the Tin and Aluminum)
- Rinse clean, labels can stay on
- Clear and colored may be mixed

DO NOT INCLUDE

- Windows, plate glass and mirrors
- Dishes, drinking glasses, glassware and cookware
- Ceramic dishes and clay pots
- Light bulbs
- **NO PLASTIC BAGS**

Lightweight Cardboard (Pressboard)

Recyclable

- Food, cereal, beer or soda type boxes, paper egg cartons

DO NOT INCLUDE

- **NO PLASTIC BAGS**