

## FAQs: Recycling

### DO I HAVE TO REMOVE STAPLES FROM PAPER?

No.

### DO I HAVE TO COMPLETELY WASH OUT FOOD CONTAINERS?

As long as it's empty, you're good to go. If necessary give the container a quick rinse, but no need to scrub them down.

### CAN I RECYCLE SOLO CUPS?

No, unfortunately they cannot be recycled as they are a bio-based plastic.

### CAN I RECYCLE CLOTHES AND SHOES IN MY SINGLE-STREAM BIN?

No, however there are various drop-off and donation locations for gently used textiles.

### CAN I RECYCLE COFFEE CUPS?

No, any overly waxed paper product cannot be recycled.

### WHAT ABOUT THE LIDS FROM COFFEE CUPS?

They also belong in the trash, the only thing you can recycle is the sleeve. Consider purchasing a reusable coffee mug.

### CAN I RECYCLE SHREDDED PAPER?

Shredded paper normally cannot be recycled in your single-stream container, however, there are several companies that specialize in shredding confidential paper and many recycle that separately. Consider contacting your hauler to ensure what they do and do not take.

### CAN I RECYCLE PIZZA BOXES?

Pizza boxes can be recycled if they are not covered in food contamination. If the bottom of the box is the only part contaminated with food, be sure to remove that section then recycle the clean section of the box. If the box is covered in grease/cheese please discard it in your trash container.

### CAN I RECYCLE PLASTIC BAGS?

No, plastic bags and other plastic wrappings clog up the Material Recycling Facility (MRF) machines and therefore cannot be recycled in your single-stream container. Many grocery stores collect plastic bags for reuse or separate recycling.

#### CAN I PUT MY RECYCLABLES IN PLASTIC BAGS FOR COLLECTION?

It is recommended that you do not bag your recyclables. However, if necessary, most haulers will accept clear bagged recyclables.

#### CAN STYROFOAM CONTAINERS BE RECYCLED?

Styrofoam to-go containers, cups, plates, etc. are not recyclable materials. Please throw them away in the regular trash container.

#### CAN PLASTIC PLATES, UTENSILS AND CUPS BE RECYCLED?

No, these items cannot be recycled. Most plastic plates, utensils and cups are made from a material called polystyrene which is another form of Styrofoam. Often these will have the number 6 on the bottom of the item and are trash. Consider using reusable or biodegradable items.

#### CAN I RECYCLE LIGHT BULBS?

CFL's, as well as many other light bulbs, contain mercury and cannot be put into the trash or recycling. However several businesses participate in light bulb and lamp recycling. Check out [www.lightbulbrecycling.com](http://www.lightbulbrecycling.com) and [www.lamprecycling.com](http://www.lamprecycling.com) for more information.