

# What do I place in the Blue Can?

## Aluminum/Metal

aluminum/metal cans\*  
food/liquid containers\*  
empty aerosol cans  
clean aluminum foil

## Glass\*

food/liquid bottles  
wine/beer bottles  
baby food jars  
condiment containers

## Cardboard

food/liquid boxes\*\*\*  
laundry soap boxes  
facial tissue boxes  
gift boxes/paper tubing  
bathroom/paper towel rolls  
corrugated storage boxes\*\*  
shipping/moving boxes\*\*  
waxed covered containers

YES

## Paper

junk mail  
envelopes  
magazines/catalogues  
newspapers  
any soft bound books  
telephone books  
shredded paper

## Plastic

food/liquid containers or packaging  
all plastic bottles and jars

## Special Notes

Labels, inserts, and caps do not have to be removed. Bottles do not have to be absolutely clean, one rinse is okay. Please do not waste water to recycle!  
Break down and flatten boxes, cut into 2'x2' (or smaller) pieces, then place in blue recycle can.  
Remove inserts and liners.

## Opportunities outside the can

Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) such as paint, chemicals, batteries, light bulbs, thermostats, electronics, oil, etc. can be taken to the HHW Facility for special recycling by trained staff.

## Aluminum/Metal

mixed with plastic  
scrap metal  
wire coat hangers  
electrical wire  
auto parts  
metal patio furniture  
aluminum siding  
sheets of aluminum

## Glass

windows glass/panes  
ceramics  
dishes/glassware  
mirrors  
lightbulbs

NO

## Paper

tissues/napkins  
plates  
paper towels  
diapers  
wrapping paper

## Plastic

plastic grocery bags  
dry cleaning bags  
sheets of plastic  
pool covers  
bubble wrap  
packing peanuts  
Styrofoam/foam  
PVC  
garden hose

## Special Notes

Plastic grocery retail dry cleaning shrink wrap etc are called soft plastics and they will damage sorting machines. Please return soft plastics to bag Centrals in participating stores.

Instead of placing textiles in the black can, please donate clothing and toys to local charities.

Food cannot be placed in the blue can. However, free composting bins are available to residents.



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Call for Hazardous Waste (949) 441-1111  
Free composting bin  
Free can maintenance/replacement

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Do not place hazardous waste, liquids, or other prohibited items in the blue can for safety reasons.