

# What do I place in the Blue Can?

## Aluminum/Metal

aluminum/metal cans<sup>1</sup>  
food/liquid containers<sup>1</sup>  
empty aerosol cans  
clean aluminum foil

## Glass<sup>1</sup>

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

## Paper

junk mail  
envelopes  
magazines/catalogues  
newspapers  
soft bound books  
telephone books  
shredded paper<sup>3</sup>

**YES**

## Cardboard

food/liquid boxes<sup>1</sup>  
laundry/facial tissue boxes  
bathroom/paper towel rolls  
corrugated boxes<sup>2</sup>  
waxed covered containers<sup>1</sup>

## Plastic

all plastic bottles and jars<sup>1</sup>  
hard food/liquid containers<sup>1</sup>  
hard food/liquid packaging<sup>1</sup>  
tubs and buckets

## Special Notes

The number identifiers (#1-7) on plastic objects are being phased out.

The recycling symbol on an object means it was made from recycled material; it does not always mean it is recyclable!

## 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 Town staff.

## Aluminum/Metal

propane/fire extinguisher tanks<sup>4</sup>  
scrap metal<sup>4</sup>  
wire coat hangers  
electrical wire/electronics<sup>4</sup>  
auto parts  
metal patio furniture  
aluminum siding  
batteries<sup>4</sup>  
melded with plastic

## Glass

window glass/panes  
ceramics  
dishes/glassware/vases  
mirrors  
light bulbs<sup>4</sup>

## Paper

tissues/napkins  
AC filters  
plates  
paper towels  
diapers  
wrapping paper

**NO**

## Plastic

plastic grocery bags  
dry cleaning bags  
sheets of plastic/shrink wrap  
pool covers  
bubble wrap  
packing peanuts  
Styrofoam<sup>®</sup>/foam  
PVC  
garden hose

## Special Notes

Grocery/retail bags, dry cleaning bags, shrink wrap, etc. are called soft plastics and they will damage sorting machines. Please return soft plastics to grocery/retail 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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HHW questions, request free composting bin, & free container service/repair.....(480) 503-6400

Outreach & Education.....(480) 503-6459



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1. Labels and caps **do not** have to be removed; inserts/baggies **do** need to be removed. Bottles **do not** have to be completely clean. Please do not waste water to recycle!

2. Break down and flatten boxes, cut into 2'x2' (or smaller) pieces, then place in blue recycle can.

3. Cb`m]b`U`WVUf`d`Ugh]WVU[ ``h`jg`jg`h`Y`CB@V]ja`Y`d`Ugh]WVU[ g`UfY`UWVd]h`X`j`b`h`Y`V`i`Y`V]b``Z`h`Y`VU[ `j`g`bch]WVUf]for safety reasons`gc]f]Yfg`k`j``Uggi`a`Y`]h`jg`garbage.

4. Accepted at the Household Hazardous Waste Facility.