

# RECYCLING GUIDELINES

# YES!

## Clean & Empty

Replace lids and caps



## METAL

Steel and Aluminum Containers and Foil



## PAPER

Cardboard (flattened),  
Office Paper, Newspaper, Magazines



## GLASS

Containers: Bottles and Jars Only



## PLASTIC

Containers: Bottles, Tubs, Jugs,  
and Jars Only



## CARTONS

May be acceptable in  
some programs, check  
with solid waste hauler.

# NO!



### No Plastic Bags

No Product Wrap  
(return clean to retailer)



### No Big Items

Electronics, Wood, Propane Tanks, Scrap  
Metal, or Styrofoam  
(check with solid waste hauler for other options)



### No Tangles

(Hangers, Hoses, Wire,  
Cords, Ropes, or Chains)



### No Clothing

Textiles or Shoes (donate)



### No Food, Liquid, Diapers, Batteries, or Needles



### No Shredded Paper

(check with solid waste hauler  
for other recycling options)

These guidelines represent the common items accepted in most recycling programs in Illinois. For greater detail on specific items or programmatic variations, reach out to your solid waste hauler.

To find out more detail, please review the McHenry County Green Guide at [www.mchenry.edu/green](http://www.mchenry.edu/green). Contact the McHenry County Solid Waste Manager at 815-334-4585 and visit our website at [www.mcdh.info](http://www.mcdh.info).



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Also see the Illinois EPA online resource at <https://www2.illinois.gov/epa/topics/waste-management/Pages/recycling.aspx>.