

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. Contact the McHenry County Solid Waste Manager at 815-334-4585 and visit our website at 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>.