

# RECYCLE

THANK YOU FOR RECYCLING THESE:

## Cans



**Aluminum and Steel Cans**  
empty and rinse

## Cartons



**Food and Beverage Cartons**  
empty and replace cap

## Glass



**Bottles and Jars**  
empty and rinse

## Paper



**Cereal Boxes, Newspaper, Magazines & Mail, Flattened Cardboard, and Paper Tubes**

## Plastic



**Kitchen, Laundry, Bath: Bottles and Containers**  
empty and replace cap  
(#1♻, #2♻, #5♻)

## DO NOT RECYCLE THESE CURBSIDE:

### Scrap Metal



No car parts or scrap metal

### Plastic Bags



Do not bag recyclables; return plastic bags and wrap to retail stores

### Hazards



No flammables, compressed cylinders, batteries, electronics, or sharps

### Garbage



Empty all containers, no food, liquids, diapers, or garbage

### Tanglers



No hoses, wires, or chains

# Unacceptable Materials

These items cannot be recycled in the curbside program. For a complete list of acceptable and unacceptable materials, visit our website [www.waukeshacounty.gov/recycling](http://www.waukeshacounty.gov/recycling) or download our free 'Waukesha County Recycles' mobile app.

- ✗ Appliances
- ✗ Bagged Recyclables
- ✗ Batteries
- ✗ Car Parts (Brake Rotors, etc.)
- ✗ Ceramics
- ✗ Chains
- ✗ Christmas Trees or Lights
- ✗ Clothing
- ✗ Construction Debris
- ✗ Cords
- ✗ Cups (Paper or Styrofoam)
- ✗ Diapers
- ✗ Drinking Glasses or Mugs
- ✗ Food
- ✗ Garbage
- ✗ Garden Pots or Trays
- ✗ Hangers
- ✗ Hard Cover Books
- ✗ Helium Cylinders or Tanks
- ✗ Hoses
- ✗ Liquids
- ✗ Light Bulbs
- ✗ Loose Caps and Lids
- ✗ Medical Waste & Medication
- ✗ Motor Oil Bottles
- ✗ Needles, Sharps, Syringes
- ✗ Paint or Paint Cans
- ✗ Paper Ice Cream Containers
- ✗ Paper Plates or Cups
- ✗ Plastic Bags, Wrap, Film
- ✗ Plastic Utensils
- ✗ Propane Cylinders or Tanks
- ✗ Scrap Metal
- ✗ Styrofoam
- ✗ Take Out Packaging or Containers
- ✗ Tires
- ✗ Tissue Paper
- ✗ Toys
- ✗ Window Glass or Mirrors
- ✗ Wires
- ✗ Wood
- ✗ Yard Waste or Compost

## Frequently Asked Questions

### Why can't we include scrap metal, plastic bags, hazards, garbage, and tangles in the recycling bin?

These items damage equipment or cause serious fires. These materials can also risk recycling haulers' and facility workers' safety which can result in serious injury. Lastly, items that don't belong in the cart are costly to dispose of and can make other recyclables less valuable. For more information about proper disposal of these unacceptable materials, please visit our website.



### How do I dispose of paint?

Latex paint should be dried and thrown in the trash. Oil based paints are hazardous waste and should be brought to a household hazardous waste collection site for safe disposal. Visit our website for locations.

### Who do I call with questions about my collection service?

Contact your City, Town, or Village or your trash/recycling hauler with questions about collection service.