



WHAT CAN I RECYCLE?

TOP 10 IN THE BIN

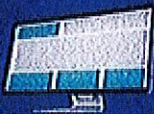
1. CARDBOARD (CLEAN)
2. PAPER
3. FOOD BOXES
4. MAIL
5. BEVERAGE CANS
6. FOOD CANS
7. GLASS BOTTLES
8. JARS (GLASS & PLASTIC)
9. JUGS
10. PLASTIC BOTTLES AND CAPS

DO NOT PUT THESE ITEMS IN BIN!
BUT THEY CAN BE RECYCLED AT SOME LOCAL STORES OR ANNOUNCED RECYCLING EVENTS.

PLASTIC BAGS
AND WRAPS



ELECTRONICS



TEXTILES



Find out about your local recycling options here:
www.iwanttoberecycled.org

RECYCLING -- IT'S THE LAW, AND IT MAKES GOOD SENSE (CENTS)

Recycling is mandatory in West Easton Borough, but did you know that every time you recycle you contribute money to running the borough and holding down taxes? Through the Pennsylvania DEP's Recycling Performance Grants programs (Act 904) we receive grant money that is based on the total tons of recycled materials collected and reported within the borough. Every waste hauler in our borough is required to collect recyclables and report to the borough how much was collected; these figures are reported to the DEP annually. Please see the back of this paper for unacceptable items for the recycling bin. Check the borough website for more information, www.WestEastonBorough.com.

Please recycle – your trash becomes your community's treasure!

*****Recycle bins/lids remain the property of West Easton Borough and may not be taken if the homeowner or tenant moves.***West Easton Borough is not responsible for lost or stolen bins/lids.*****

Unacceptable Items for Recycling Bin

Plastic Grocery Bags

These are the most common items in the bin or cart that shouldn't be there, and they can be the most detrimental. When they get caught in the recycling sorter, they have to shut the whole system down and manually pull them out. Instead, consider recycling them by taking them back to the grocery or pharmacy, or big box stores where there are specially designated bins for recycling plastic bags.

Polystyrene (Styrofoam)

Although Styrofoam is recyclable, it requires highly specialized equipment that single stream recycling facilities are not equipped with. Some restaurants (such as Chick-fil-A) accept their own Styrofoam cups for recycling.

Take-Out Containers & Donut Boxes

Food residue can contaminate the boxes or other recyclable material. They can only be recycled if free of food waste and residue from food (think cheese from pizza).

Paper Coffee Cups

Although often thought of as a better alternative to Styrofoam, paper cups pose issues to recycling as well due to the plastic coating applied to prevent leaking. Your best bet is to bring your own mug!

Automotive Parts & Scrap Metals

These are too large and cumbersome for recycling equipment and could cause injury.

Baby Diapers

The plastic from them cannot be salvaged. Plus it's just plain gross!

Pizza Boxes

This is one of the most common recycling mistakes. Although they are made of cardboard, the grease from the pizza contaminated the raw material. You can tear off the untarnished parts and recycle them though!

Wet Paper

Paper that has gotten wet can make recycling difficult or impossible. **Take care to cover your recyclables to keep them safe from the elements.** Wet paper should be discarded with the trash.

Aerosol Cans

While these are made of metal, because of the chemicals used to pressurize the cans, they are classified as household hazardous waste and should be discarded as such – not with recyclables or with the garbage.

Ceramics & Pottery

This includes things like coffee mugs and old flower pots. Look into donating items like this if they are in alright shape, someone else may be able to reuse them!

Shredded Paper

Shredding paper reduces its size so dramatically that it ends up mixed with the residue or glass at recycling facilities. Because the machines sort broken glass and other debris by size, the shredded paper often gets destroyed or disposed of because it ends up in the wrong place. Once it is mixed with glass or residue, it cannot be recovered for recycling.

Household Glass

Items like window panes, mirrors, light bulbs, and dishes are dangerous and should be left out of your recycling. Light bulbs can be recycled at many hardware and home improvement stores. Dishes, if not broken, can be donated to local charities.

Paint, Pesticides, Automotive Fluids, Diesel Fuel, Gasoline, Kerosene & Car Batteries

They cannot be accepted and should be disposed of at a hazardous waste disposal facility.

Hypodermic Needles

At one time, people were told that it was safe to put needles into a plastic bottle. It is not safe. Our workers can be exposed to grave illness and blood borne diseases. People need to properly dispose of used needles.

Tanglers

No wires, holiday light strings, hoses, cords, etc.

*******Rinse plastic and metal containers to remove as much organic residue as possible.*******