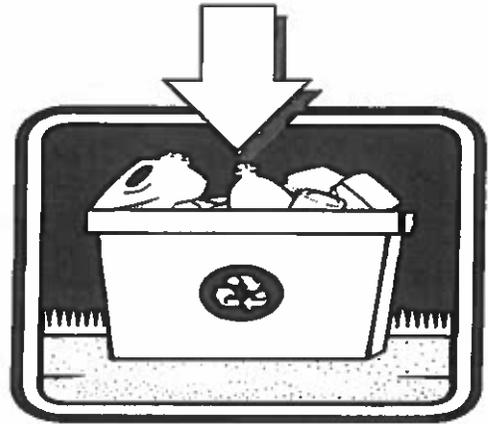
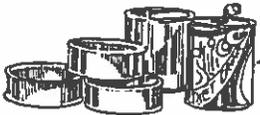


# Containers

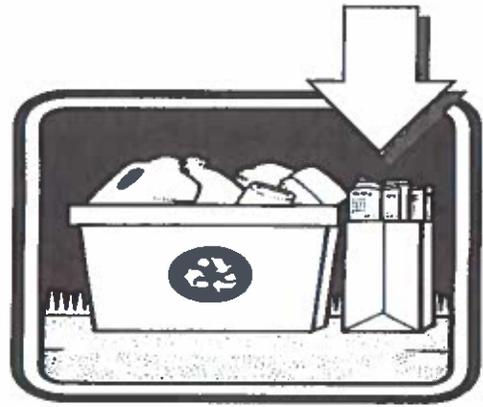
The items listed below can be mixed together in your green recycling bin and placed at the curb every week for collection.

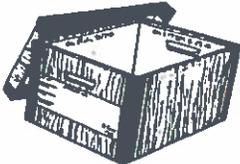
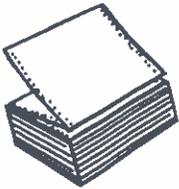


<p><b>Metal Cans</b></p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rinse or clean thoroughly, removing all food residue</li> <li>Remove paper labels and discard</li> <li>Place into recycling bin with other containers</li> </ul>	<p><b>Accepted</b> </p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Aluminum cans</li> <li>Steel (tin) cans</li> <li>Bi-metal cans</li> <li>Clean Aluminum foil</li> <li>Aluminum pie plates</li> </ul>	<p><b>Not</b> </p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cans with food residue</li> <li>Paint cans</li> <li>Aerosol cans</li> <li>Lids which are not all metal</li> </ul>
<p><b>Glass Bottles &amp; Jars</b></p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rinse or clean thoroughly, removing all food residue</li> <li>Remove lids and discard</li> <li>You do not need to remove labels or metal rings around the necks of bottles</li> <li>Place into recycling bin with other containers</li> </ul>	<p><b>Accepted</b> </p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Green, brown &amp; clear glass bottles</li> <li>Green, brown &amp; clear glass jars</li> </ul>	<p><b>Not</b> </p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bottles or jars with food residue</li> <li>Window glass</li> <li>Mirrors</li> <li>Drinking glasses</li> </ul>
<p><b>Plastics</b></p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rinse or clean thoroughly, removing all residue, especially from detergent &amp; chemical bottles</li> <li>Discard caps but you do not need to remove labels</li> <li>Place into recycling bin with other containers</li> </ul>	<p><b>Accepted</b> </p> <p> Such as soda, cooking oil &amp; liquor bottles, <b>PETE</b></p> <p> Milk, water &amp; juice jugs, bleach &amp; detergent bottles. <b>HDPE</b></p> <p> Clear food and non-food packaging, medical tubing, wire and cable insulation, film and sheet, construction products such as pipes, fittings, siding, floor tiles, carpet backing and <b>V</b></p> <p> Dry cleaning, bread &amp; frozen food bags, squeezable bottle s, e.g. honey, mustard. <b>LDPE</b></p> <p> Catsup bottles, yogurt containers &amp; <b>PP</b></p> <p> 3 &amp; 5 gallon reusable water bottles, some citrus juice &amp; catsup bottles. <b>OTHER</b></p>	<p><b>Not</b> </p> <p> Compact disc jackets, food service applications, grocery store meat trays, egg cartons, aspirin bottles, cups, plates, and cutlery <b>PS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Any plastic bottles or container which is not thoroughly cleaned.</li> <li>Motor oil or antifreeze containers.</li> </ul>

# Fiber Products

The items listed below will also be collected curbside every week. Stack next to or on top of your recycling bin. It's free as well!



<p><b>Newspapers</b></p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Remove and discard any plastic bags used in delivery</li> <li>Protect from rain; newspapers should not get wet</li> <li>Sort into a paper grocery bag and stack next to or on top of recycling bin</li> </ul>	<p><b>Accepted</b> </p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Newspapers</li> <li>Inserts that come with newspapers</li> </ul>	<p><b>Not</b> </p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Newspapers in plastic bags</li> </ul>
<p><b>Cardboard</b></p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Flatten all cardboard boxes</li> <li>Cut into pieces and place into a paper grocery bag. Stack bag next to or on top of recycling bin</li> <li>Or stack a pile of cardboard sheets no larger than 2 feet by 3 feet and place under recycling bin</li> </ul>	<p><b>Accepted</b> </p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Corrugated (wavy) cardboard</li> <li>Paper grocery sacks</li> </ul>	<p><b>Not</b> </p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Any cardboard which is wax coated or contaminated with oil, chemicals, or food residue (like pizza)</li> <li>Styrofoam packing</li> </ul>
<p><b>Paper, white</b></p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Remove post-it notes and any other attachments (staples are ok)</li> <li>Sort into a paper grocery bag and place next to or on top of recycling bin</li> </ul>	<p><b>Accepted</b> </p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Computer paper</li> <li>White bond paper and Letterhead</li> <li>Window envelopes and Most junk mail</li> <li>Paper in any color other than white</li> <li>Notebook paper and school papers</li> </ul>	<p><b>Not</b> </p>
<p><b>Magazines &amp; Books</b></p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sort into a paper grocery bag and place next to or on top of recycling bin</li> </ul>	<p><b>Accepted</b> </p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Magazines printed on "slick" paper</li> <li>Catalogs printed on "slick" paper</li> <li>Paperback books</li> <li>Phone books (watch for annual phone book recycling events when new books are delivered)</li> </ul>	<p><b>Not</b> </p>
<p><b>Paperboard</b></p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Remove and discard any inner bag, plastic viewing window, or outside shrink wrap</li> <li>Sort into a paper grocery bag and place next to or on top of recycling bin</li> </ul>	<p><b>Accepted</b> </p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Paperboard includes cereal boxes &amp; tissue boxes (grey or brown inside)</li> <li>Bleach board (includes toothpaste and medicine boxes)</li> </ul>	<p><b>Not</b> </p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Any paperboard with a wax coating or contaminated with food residue.</li> </ul>

# RESIDENTIAL SINGLE STREAM RECYCLING

Convenient and Easy! All Recyclables in One Cart!

## YES

All Fibers  
which include:

Cardboard  
Newspapers  
Magazines  
Junk Mail  
Phone Books  
Office Paper  
Folders



## YES

All Empty Containers  
which include:

Tin, Steel, Aluminum Cans  
Plastics containers  
with recycling symbol  
#1, #2, #3, #4, #5 & #7  
Glass containers  
Cartons (milk, juice, wine, soup, broth)

## NO

Bathroom Waste – Paper Towels, Tissue, Napkins  
#6 Plastic – Polystyrene Foam (Styrofoam™)  
Plastic bags (return to stores)  
Wet Waste – Liquids, Paint  
Ceramics and Pyrex®  
Clothing and Shoes  
Food Waste  
Electronics  
Wood



# YES! Cartons are Recyclable!

**NOW! REPUBLIC SERVICES accepts cartons for recycling!**

The last drop of milk, juice or soup does not mark the end of a carton's useful life. Cartons are easy to recycle and in high demand.

**HOW?** Simply place empty cartons in your recycling bin with your plastic, metal and glass containers.

**WOW!** The bales of recycled cartons are shipped to paper mills, where cartons are mixed with water in a gigantic blender to extract all the paper fiber. These recycled carton paper fibers are a valuable resource for making products such as recycled paper products and even building materials.

For more information on how cartons are recycled, visit [www.RecycleCartons.com](http://www.RecycleCartons.com)

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# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT CARTONS

# FAQ

## WHAT IS A CARTON?

- Cartons are a type of packaging for food and beverage products you can purchase at the store. They are easy to recognize and are available in two types—shelf-stable and refrigerated.

### *Shelf-stable cartons (types of products)*

- Juice
- Milk
- Soy Milk
- Soup and broth
- Wine

*You will find these products on the shelves in grocery stores.*



### *Refrigerated (types of products)*

- Milk
- Juice
- Cream
- Egg substitutes

*You will find these products in the chilled sections of grocery stores.*



## WHAT ARE CARTONS MADE FROM?

- Cartons are mainly made from paper in the form of paperboard, as well as thin layers of polyethylene (plastic) and/or aluminum. Shelf-stable cartons contain on average 74% paper, 22% polyethylene and 4% aluminum. Refrigerated cartons contain about 80% paper and 20% polyethylene.

## ARE CARTONS RECYCLABLE?

- Yes! Cartons are recyclable. In fact, the paper fiber contained in cartons is extremely valuable and useful to make new products.

## WHERE CAN I RECYCLE CARTONS?

- To learn if your community accepts cartons for recycling, please visit [RecycleCartons.com](http://RecycleCartons.com) or check with your local recycling program.

## HOW DO I RECYCLE CARTONS?

Simply place the cartons in your recycle bin. If your recycling program collects materials as “single-stream,” you may place your cartons in your bin with all the other recyclables. If your recycling program collects materials as “dual-stream” (paper items together and plastic, metal and glass together), please place cartons with your plastic, metal and glass containers.

## WAIT, YOU JUST SAID CARTONS ARE MADE MAINLY FROM PAPER. DON'T I WANT TO PUT THEM WITH OTHER PAPER RECYCLABLES?

Good question. The answer is no. Once cartons arrive at your local recycling facility, they will be sorted separately from the rest of the materials. To make this work at the facility, it is easier to modify how containers are sorted than paper. In the end, as long as all cartons are sorted and baled together, the material will then be recycled.



## DO I NEED TO REMOVE THE CAP OR STRAW WHEN RECYCLING MY CARTONS?

Yes, please remove caps and straws.

## DO I NEED TO RINSE MY CARTONS?

There are no requirements to rinse your cartons. As long as the carton is empty, it is okay to place in your recycling. However, you may want to rinse your cartons to ensure the carton is empty and to alleviate any potential odor problems that may arise from storing your recyclables for collection.

## WHAT HAPPENS TO CARTONS AFTER THEY ARE COLLECTED?

After cartons are collected curbside, they are taken to a materials recycling facility to be sorted and baled. The bales of recycled cartons are then shipped to paper mills, where cartons are mixed with water in a gigantic blender to extract all the paper fiber from the plastic and aluminum. The paper fiber is then ready to be used in making new products such as recycled paper products and even building materials.

## DO RECYCLED CARTONS BECOME NEW PRODUCTS?

Yes! The recycled carton paper fibers are a valuable resource for making new products. What recycled cartons become depends on the area of the country and the mill itself. Some mills recycle cartons into tissues, while others use the paper fibers to make office paper. In some cases, they are even being used as one of the materials for wall boards manufacturing. By recycling, your cartons are put back in business as the items you use every day!

## IS THERE A WAXY COATING ON CARTONS? ISN'T THAT WHY THEY ARE DIFFICULT TO RECYCLE?

What you may see as wax on a carton is actually a thin layer of polyethylene (plastic). Cartons are not difficult to recycle as long as the right systems are in place to do so.

## WHAT HAPPENS TO THE ALUMINUM AND PLASTIC LEFT OVER AFTER THE CARTON RECYCLING PROCESS IN A PAPER MILL?

The aluminum/plastic combination left over from the shelf-stable cartons and the plastic left over from refrigerated cartons can be used in different ways. Some mills are using the material for generating energy; others sell it to plastic manufacturers that use them for lumber board-like materials. Still in some cases the material ends up in a landfill. The Carton Council is working with paper mills to find the better solution for the left over material while taking into consideration environmental and financial aspects.

## WHY SHOULD I RECYCLE CARTONS?

Made from mostly paper, cartons are a natural when it comes to recycling. Plus, the paper is in demand by companies that make recycled paper products. Adding cartons to a recycling program increases waste diversion, reducing the need for disposal, and offers a potential revenue stream from the sale of cartons.

## WHO IS THE CARTON COUNCIL?

The Carton Council is a group of packaging companies seeking to reduce the environmental impact of cartons by expanding recycling programs across the country and continuously improving cartons' environmental performance. The members of the Carton Council are Elopak, Evergreen, SIG Combibloc, and Tetra Pak. For more information, please visit [www.RecycleCartons.com](http://www.RecycleCartons.com).



## Fun Facts

- Throwing away a single aluminum can, versus recycling it, is like pouring out six ounces of gasoline. Last year, Americans recycled enough aluminum cans to conserve the energy equivalent of more than 15 million barrels of oil.
- The EPA estimates that 75 percent of what Americans throw in the trash could actually be recycled. Currently, only 25 percent is.
- Incinerating 10,000 tons of waste creates one job; landfilling 10,000 tons of waste creates six jobs; recycling 10,000 tons of waste creates 36 jobs.
- The national recycling rate of 30 percent saves the equivalent of more than five billion gallons of gasoline, reducing dependence on foreign oil by 114 million barrels. This could be even higher!
- The aluminum can is 100 percent recyclable and can be used to make new beverage cans indefinitely – demonstrating recycling at its finest! "Every can, every time!"
- According to the EPA, recycling, including composting, diverted 68 million tons of material away from landfills and incinerators in 2001, up from 34 million tons in 1990.
- Recycling 35 percent of our trash reduces global warming emissions equivalent to taking 36 million cars off the road.
- Every Sunday 500,000 trees could be saved if everyone recycled their newspapers.
- Think recycling is expensive? Consider this: aluminum cans are the most valuable item in your bin. Aluminum can recycling helps fund the entire curbside collection. It's the only packaging material that more than covers the cost of collection and re-processing for itself.

