

As residents, you can help the recycling system work well by putting the right things in the recycle cart and keeping the wrong things out.

We know the new recycling restrictions can be confusing, so we've developed information to help residents navigate through the complexity. View the home reference guide (PDF), detailed plastics guide (PDF) or check the below list of what goes in your recycle cart, trash cart, and [Hefty® EnergyBag™](#) orange bag, below.

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## Home Reference Guide

Designed for residents who prefer to quickly check where items go, the Home Reference Guide shows where to put common paper, plastic, metal, and other items.

- **Level of Detail:** Basic
- **Best For:** Recyclers who want to focus on a few items.

# HOME REFERENCE GUIDE

## RECYCLE CART

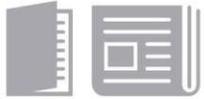
Continue putting these items **loose** in your cart.

### PLASTICS - NEW



**ONLY** Detergent/milk jugs, soft drink and juice bottles

### PAPER



Magazines, newspaper, office paper, mail

### METAL



Aluminum and steel cans, foil

### CARDBOARD



Flattened boxes

## NEW Hefty® EnergyBag™ PROGRAM

**ONLY specific plastics** go in the orange bag. **No** paper, metal or cardboard.

### KITCHEN

#### ALL PLASTIC BAGS

- Bread bags
- Chip/snack bags
- Fruit/vegetable/salad bags
- Plastic pet food/treat bags
- Grocery bags

#### PLASTIC FOOD PACKAGING

- Plastic food wrap
- Meat/cheese packaging
- Candy wrappers
- Food storage bags
- Plastic bottle caps

#### PLASTIC DAIRY TUBS/LIDS

- Yogurt/butter/sour cream

#### PLASTIC POUCHES

- Juice/squeezable

#### PLASTIC SINGLE SERVE

- Snacks - pudding

#### PLASTIC DINNERWARE

- Straws/utensils/cups/plates/etc.

#### FOAM PRODUCTS

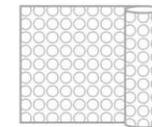
- Foam egg cartons
- Foam cups/plates/bowls
- Foam meat trays



### HOME/OFFICE

#### PLASTIC PACKING/SHIPPING

- Bubble wrap
- Shrink wrap
- Air packs/pillows
- Plastic envelopes



### BATHROOM

#### TOOTHPASTE TUBES

#### EMPTY DEODORANT STICKS

#### PLASTIC TUBES

- Lotion/creams



## WHAT DO I DO WITH THE ORANGE BAG?

**FILL BAG WITH EMPTY, CLEAN AND DRY ITEMS** →

**TIE THE BAG SECURELY** →

**PLACE IN YOUR RECYCLING CART**



## TRASH CART

These **must** go in your trash cart with other trash items.

### WATER BOTTLES



**ALL** plastic water bottles

### HINGED LID (CLAMSHELL) CONTAINERS



**ALL** plastic to-go, fruit/vegetable hinged containers

### ALL WAX-COATED



To-go cups, frozen dinners, dairy, juice cartons



QUESTIONS? CALL - 208-472-2909  
WEBSITE - [Hefty.com/hefty-EnergyBag](http://Hefty.com/hefty-EnergyBag)

## Detailed Plastics Guide

Designed for residents who prefer to go into depth with different plastic types and put more plastic items into the recycle cart and Hefty® EnergyBag™ orange bag.

- **Level of Detail:** Advanced
- **Best For:** Recyclers who want to sort items by using numbers.

DETAILED PLASTICS GUIDE - Use this guide for more in depth information about where to put different plastics.

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# YOUR GUIDE TO MANAGING PLASTICS

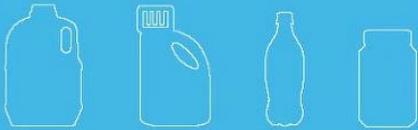
## RECYCLE CART

Plastics can go in the blue cart if they meet the following requirements:

**IS IT...** MARKED AS A #1 OR #2



**AND...** SHAPED LIKE A JUG, BOTTLE OR JAR



(for example, milk jugs, 2-liter soft drink bottles, detergent jugs, mayonnaise jars, peanut butter jars)

**YES? RECYCLE IT!**

**NO...** CRINKLY LIGHTWEIGHT WATER BOTTLES

These water bottles must go in the trash.

## Hefty® EnergyBag®

Plastics can go in the orange bag if they meet the following requirements:

**IS IT...** MARKED AS A #4 - #7



**OR...** ON THE Hefty® EnergyBag® MASTER LIST

### KITCHEN

#### ALL PLASTIC BAGS

- Bread bags
- Chip/snack/candy bags
- Fruit/vegetable/salad bags
- Plastic pet food/treat bags
- Grocery bags

#### PLASTIC POUCHES

- Juice/squeezable

#### PLASTIC SINGLE SERVE

- Snacks/pudding

#### PLASTIC FOOD PACKAGING

- Plastic food wrap
- Meat/cheese packaging
- Candy wrappers
- Food storage bags
- Plastic bottle caps

#### PLASTIC DAIRY TUBS/LIDS

- Yogurt/butter/sour cream

#### PLASTIC DINNERWARE

- Straws/stirrers
- Utensils/cups/plates/bowls

#### FOAM PRODUCTS

- Foam egg cartons
- Foam cups/plates/bowls
- Foam meat trays
- Foam to-go boxes

### OFFICE / BATHROOM

#### PLASTIC PACKING/SHIPPING

- Bubble/shrink wraps
- Air packs/pillows
- Plastic envelopes

#### HEALTH AND BEAUTY

- Toothpaste/lotion tubes
- Empty deodorant sticks
- Amber-colored prescription medicine bottles

**YES? ORANGE BAG IT!**

**NO...** PAPER, METAL, CARDBOARD OR #1 PLASTICS



Check to see if these items can be recycled, otherwise they must go in the trash.

## TRASH CART

These plastics **MUST** go in the trash cart.

**IS IT...**

ANY UNLABELED PLASTIC  
(not specifically identified on the Hefty® EnergyBag® Master List)

### WATER BOTTLE

(crinkly lightweight)

ANY #1 PLASTIC NOT ACCEPTED IN THE RECYCLING CART  
(for example, hinged-lid (clamshell) containers)

TWO MATERIALS BONDED TOGETHER  
(for example, pet food bag with a paper liner.)

EMPTY HAZARDOUS WASTE OR PESTICIDE CONTAINERS

### OTHER ITEMS

(shower curtains, PVC pipes, garden hoses, inflatable items, kids toys)

**YES? TRASH IT!**

QUESTIONS?

CALL: 208-472-2909

## WHAT GOES IN:

Only these items loose in [blue recycle cart](#).

- **Plastic beverage and detergent bottles**
  - Including soft drink, juice, laundry and dishwasher detergent bottles made with hard, rigid (not crinkly or flexible) plastic. Thin, crinkly or flexible plastic water bottles must go into your trash cart.
- **Newspaper**
  - Including ads and other paper inserts. Do not include rubber bands or plastic bags.
- **Cardboard**
  - Flatten cardboard boxes and cut up any boxes larger than three feet in any direction. Do not include plastic or wax-coated cardboard or pizza boxes.
- **Magazines**
  - Including catalogs and telephone books.
- **Junk mail**
  - Including all colors of scrap paper and envelopes (windows & labels okay) and post cards.
- **Boxes**
  - Cereal, cracker, cookie and shoe boxes.
- **Wrapping paper**
  - Including tissue paper, craft paper, paper without shiny or glitter coating.
- **Cards**
  - Without foil or glitter.
- **Paper egg cartons**
  - Paper only. Place foam egg cartons in orange bag.

- **Miscellaneous paper**
    - Including copier and printer paper, fax paper, construction paper, stationery, file folders, note paper, computer paper, brochures, coupons, Post-it notes, shredded paper.
  - **Aluminum and Steel Cans**
    - A light rinse may be all it takes to remove food. Otherwise, thoroughly rinse to remove heavy residue.
  - **Aluminum Foil**
    - Including foil trays. Rinse, if foil is covered with food residue.
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(Next to blue recycle cart)

**Used motor oil:** Recycle up to two gallons per household per week.

Set out a non-returnable, transparent plastic container next to your trash cart.

- Label container "Used Motor Oil".
  - Avoid mixing oil with other fluids (gasoline, antifreeze, water). The oil becomes contaminated and cannot be recycled.
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## WHAT GOES IN:

### PUT IN **Hefty® EnergyBag™ ORANGE BAG**

Only **empty, clean, and dry** plastics/foam in approved orange bag.

- **Plastic film and bags**
  - Plastic food wrap, grocery bags, shopping bags, freezer bags, produce bags, bread bags, food storage bags, salad bags, and other types of cellophane and film.
- **Plastic pouches**
  - Including stand up, squeezable (portable yogurt, applesauce), laundry, microwavable, take-out condiments and juice. Portable foil-lined pouches are *not* accepted.
- **Plastic liners**
  - Packaging liners inside boxes of baking mix, cake mix, flour, snacks, crackers, and cereal.
- **Foam containers**
  - Including cups, trays, egg cartons, meat trays, bowls, plates and foam (not plastic) "to-go" hinged-lid (clamshell) boxes.
- **Plastic disposable dinnerware**
  - Including plates, bowls, cups, and utensils.
- **Plastic food cups**
  - Including yogurt, pudding, gelatin, butter and margarine, salsa, and cottage cheese containers.
- **Plastic wrappers and bags**
  - Including snack bags, potato chip bags, candy wrappers, cheese wrappers, packaged lunch meat and hot dogs or sausages, prepackaged salad and produce bags, frozen food, and pet food bags.

- **Plastic lids and caps**
    - Including "to-go" beverage cup lids, bottle caps, and milk/juice jug caps.
  - **Plastic toothpaste tubes**
    - Toothpaste and health and beauty items such as; lotions, creams, and hair products in tubes can be thrown into the bag without being cut open and rinsed. The small amount of product left in the tube will be handled in the process. Deodorant sticks must be empty.
  - **Plastic single serve containers**
    - Including coffee pods (without coffee), cream, and "grab and go" snack (peanut butter, salad dressing, hummus, etc.) containers.
  - **Plastic mailing supplies**
    - Including bubble wrap, plastic mailing envelopes, air packs and air pillows, shrink wrap.
  - **Plastic six pack rings and holders**
    - Including flimsy plastic rings and solid plastic disc six-pack holders.
  - **Plastic straws**
    - Including drinking straws and stirrers.
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## WHAT STAYS OUT

These items must go into trash cart.

- **Plastic water bottles**
  - Bottles that are easy to crush (including thin, crinkly, lightweight plastic bottles) become flattened in the sorting process and get sorted incorrectly. They end up the paper stream, which lowers the quality of the recycled paper and makes it harder to sell.
- **Plastic salad containers or hinged lid (clamshell) containers**
  - Large clear containers that hold leafy salad mixes, spinach or lettuce are made with crinkly or flexible plastic that becomes flattened in the sorting process and gets sorted incorrectly. They end up the paper stream, which lowers the quality of the recycled paper and makes it harder to sell. Hinged-lid (clamshell) or containers with separate lids used for take-out salads, tomatoes, sandwiches and other deli items also fall into this category.
- **Frozen and refrigerated food boxes**
  - Paper boxes made with a plastic that keeps them from getting soggy when exposed to moisture.
- **Paper beverage cups**
  - Like freezer boxes, “paper” cups are coated with wax or plastic so they don’t dissolve when filled with liquid.
- **Pizza boxes**
  - Pizza boxes are often soaked with grease and food residue.
- **Waxed paper**
  - It gets tangled in the machinery at the sorting facility.
- **Gift bags if coated, plastic or laminated**
  - Foil, glitter or plastic overlay is bonded to the paper so it stays on securely and, as a result, cannot be separated from the paper in the recycling process. Reuse, if possible.

- **Greeting cards/envelopes with foil or glitter**
    - Including ribbon, metal charms, buttons, vinyl overlay and musical greeting cards. Foil and glitter is bonded to the paper so it stays on securely and, as a result, cannot be separated from the paper in the recycling process.
  - **Foil wrapping paper**
    - Reuse, if possible.
  - **Manila envelopes with bubble wrap**
    - Paper mailer envelopes lined with plastic bubble wrap cannot be separated by recycling equipment.
  - **Ribbons and bows**
    - Save and re-use for other gifts.
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