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Call 858-694-7000 or visit [www.recyclingworks.com](http://www.recyclingworks.com)

## New materials in the Curbside program!

**Cartons and drink boxes are now accepted** in the Curbside Recycling program. Please remove straws and rinse your “wax” coated milk/juice cartons and drink boxes for recycling in your blue bin.

**Additional plastics are now accepted.** Besides the old favorites, bottles, jugs and jars, you can now recycle most rigid plastics. Examples: clean plastic food packaging containers, including yogurt and dairy tubs; clear clamshell plastic; drink cups; deli trays; and berry baskets. Please rinse containers to remove food waste and screw tops back on for recycling.



Most non-food rigid plastics are also accepted, including plant pots, garden trays, buckets, toys, and containers that held non-hazardous household products such as detergent or pet litter. Large items such as plastic crates, pallets, and lawn furniture may need to be broken down to fit easily into the blue recycling bins. They cannot be jammed into the bin or protrude from the top.



## What plastic items should **NOT** go in your blue bin?

- **No plastic bags** and other film plastic. They jam the sorting equipment and become too contaminated in a commingled program. Film plastic can be recycled at most grocery stores.
- **No expanded polystyrene (Styrofoam™).** Foam packing “peanuts” are frequently accepted for reuse at shipping stores, such as FedEx, Postal Annex, and UPS. Call the businesses to confirm their policy. For Styrofoam™ packing blocks, call Cactus Recycling (619-661-1283) and EDCO (619-287-7555) for their locations and current policies.
- **No compostable plastic (PLA).**
- **No PVC pipe.**
- **No plastic utensils (e.g., knives, spoons, forks).**

Currently there are no local recycling opportunities for compostable plastics, PVC pipe or plastic utensils.



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## DO THE RIGHT THING WITH YOUR HAZARDOUS WASTE!

Properly dispose of the wastes listed below to protect your family, friends, and the public, as well as waste management workers. For assistance with disposal of hazardous waste for San Diego residences, call 858-694-7000.

**Home Generated Sharps (Needles/Syringes, Lancets):** A 2008 law made it illegal to dispose of sharps in your trash or recycling container. Being cut or pricked by sharps can cause exposure to a number of blood-borne diseases, including HIV and hepatitis.

To safely dispose of home generated sharps, keep them in a puncture-resistant container with a tight-fitting lid. Check with your pharmacy or health care provider to find out if they offer a Take-Back program. You can also visit the State's Public Health website ([www.cdph.ca.gov/certlic/medicalwaste/Pages/MailBack.aspx](http://www.cdph.ca.gov/certlic/medicalwaste/Pages/MailBack.aspx)) to find a sharps Mail-Back program.

If these options are not available, City residents can bring their three-quarters full durable sharps container, **taped closed, and labeled "Sharps,"** to the Household Hazardous Waste Transfer Facility for **FREE** disposal.



**Aerosol Cans:** Aerosol cans containing food, cleaning products, spray paint, car products, or personal care products are a hazard because they are under pressure, therefore explosive, and often contain hazardous (toxic, flammable, or corrosive) materials. Cans that are not completely empty can cause injury to waste and recycling workers, as well as the public. For this reason, aerosol cans containing any residual product may not be recycled or put in your regular trash. City residents can call for an appointment for **FREE** disposal of unused or partially filled aerosol cans.



A completely empty aerosol can (containing no liquids or propellant) that did not hold a hazardous material may be recycled in the blue bins. Examples of non-hazardous aerosol products are: cooking spray; food products; spray starch; lubricants; and shaving cream. Empty containers for hazardous waste products can be disposed in the trash.

**Large (BBQ size) Propane Tanks:** **DO NOT** place propane tanks in the blue recycling container. Refillable propane tanks can be reused year after year and returned/exchanged at participating locations ([www.sandiego.gov/environmental-services/ep/propane.shtml](http://www.sandiego.gov/environmental-services/ep/propane.shtml)).

If a propane tank cannot be refilled/returned for reuse and cannot be emptied through normal use, call for an appointment for **FREE** disposal.



**Small (Camping size) Disposable Propane Cylinders:** **DO NOT** place disposable propane cylinders in the blue recycling container. Partially filled cylinders are potentially explosive and may not be disposed in the trash.



For proper disposal, completely empty the one pound propane cylinder with normal use and place the empty cylinders in the trash. For **FREE** disposal of unused or partially filled disposable propane cylinders, call for an appointment.



## Yes this can be recycled



Newspapers



Phone Books



Paper or Frozen Food Boxes



Empty Aerosol Cans



Aluminum Cans



All Plastic Bottles and Jars



All Glass Bottles and Jars



Magazines and Catalogs



Mail



Clean Plastic Food Packaging  
(No compostable plastics or PLA, Styrofoam™, plastic film, bags or utensils)



Metal Cans



Clean Aluminum Foil and Foil Trays



Plastic Buckets, Tubs, Pots and Toys



Paper Bags



Cardboard



Shredded Paper, bagged



Cartons and Drink Boxes



Detach and Save

## No this cannot be recycled



Ceramics



Plastic Utensils



Glassware

Used Clothing  
Donate usable items



Batteries\*



Toxic Product Containers\*



Plastic Bags  
Return to Retailer



Styrofoam™ Packaging  
Donate packaging to shipping outlets



Propane Tanks/Cylinders and Helium Tanks\*  
Refillable propane tanks can be refilled or exchanged.  
Disposable helium tanks should be emptied through normal use and recycled at a metal recycler or disposed of in the trash.  
Check with a recycler for acceptance requirements.



Medical Sharps\*

**\*PLEASE CALL FOR DISPOSAL OPTIONS**

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