

# RECYCLING GUIDELINES

# YES!

## Clean & Empty

Replace lids & caps



## METAL

Steel & Aluminum Containers and Foil



## PAPER

Cardboard (flattened),  
Office Paper, Newspaper, Magazines



## GLASS

Containers: Bottles & Jars Only



## PLASTIC

Containers: Bottles, Tubs, Jugs,  
and Jars Only



## CARTONS

May be acceptable in some  
programs, check with  
local authority.

# NO!

## Put material in loose - Not in Bags



**No Plastic Bags**  
No Product Wrap  
(return clean to retailer)



**No Big Items** (Electronics, Wood,  
Propane Tanks, Scrap Metal or Styrofoam  
– check with local authority for other options)



**No Tangles** (Hangers, Hoses,  
Wire, Cords, Ropes or Chains)



**No Clothing**  
Textiles or Shoes (donate)



**No Food, Liquid, Diapers,  
Batteries or Needles**



**No Shredded Paper**  
(check with local authority  
for other recycling options)

These Guidelines represent the common items accepted in most recycling programs in Illinois.  
For greater detail on specific items or programmatic variations, reach out to your local authority.

To find out more detail, including recycling and reuse programs beyond the bin, visit  
<https://www2.illinois.gov/epa/topics/waste-management/Pages/recycling.aspx>