

RECYCLE RIGHT AT HOME

▶ **KEEP RECYCLABLES:**



EMPTY



CLEAN



DRY

▶ **NO PLASTIC BAGS**

Do not bag your recyclables or include plastic bags.



YES

These items are accepted for curbside recycling in Tacoma:

Metal Cans



Plastic Bottles, Jugs, & Tubs



Paper



Cardboard



NO

These items are **not** accepted for curbside recycling in Tacoma:

Food & Greasy Paper



Plastic Bags & Styrofoam



Plastic Clamshells



Single Use Cups, Utensils & Straws



OOPS! LEAVE THESE ITEMS OUT OF THE RECYCLE BIN

Unsure if an item is recyclable? Look it up or leave it out of the recycle bin. Visit tacomarecycles.org for more information on how to recycle right in Tacoma.



Cartons are garbage because they have layers of paper, metal, and/or plastic. Few facilities have the technology to separate these layers so that they can be recycled.



Lids cannot go into the recycle bin. Instead, they can be hand-sorted at the Recycle Center at 3510 S. Mullen St.



Paper cups are garbage because they are often dirty, and/or lined with plastic. Dirty paper cannot be recycled. Visit cityoftacoma.org/byomug to learn about the impact of paper cups in our landfills.



Pizza boxes are garbage because they are usually dirty from cheese, sauce, and oil. Only clean cardboard can be recycled into a new product.



Clamshell plastic packaging is not accepted for curbside recycling. You can bring these to the Recycle Center at 3510 S. Mullen St. to be recycled separately, or throw these products in the garbage.



Styrofoam food containers are not accepted for recycling in Tacoma. Styrofoam packing blocks and peanuts can be brought to the Recycle Center at 3510 S. Mullen St. for free recycling. Styrofoam food containers should go in the garbage.



Take your cleaners, light bulbs, batteries, and other hazardous materials to the Household Hazardous Waste Center at 3510 S. Mullen St. for free. View the list of accepted items at cityoftacoma.org/hazwaste.



Cardboard boxes need to be empty, flat, and fit inside the recycle bin at home. You can recycle large cardboard boxes and their packing materials at the Recycle Center at 3510 S. Mullen St.



Why Recycle Right? Simply, it is the right thing to do. Entire loads of recyclables are at risk of not being recycled if they contain just a fraction of garbage or dirty items. Recycling right diverts waste from our landfills and environment, creates green jobs, and supports sustainable manufacturing. All of this helps us achieve healthy neighborhoods in Tacoma and a thriving Puget Sound. Please recycle right so your efforts don't go to waste. **Empty, clean, and dry. It matters.**