

# DISTRICT RECYCLING GUIDELINES

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Starting January 1, 2018, the list of items that are required to be recycled is growing.



## Accepted Items

### PAPER

- Cups & Containers
- Flattened Cardboard
- Milk, Juice, & Soup Cartons
- Newspapers/Magazines
- Books/Phone Books
- Junk Mail & Office Paper  
*(all items clean & empty)*
- \*No Tissue



### PLASTIC

- Cups & Containers
- Bottles & Lids
- Bulky Items
- (all items clean & empty)*
- \*No Plastic Bags
- \*No Foam Polystyrene
- \*No Straws or Utensils



### METAL

- Steel & Aluminum
- Bottles/Cans/Containers
- (all items clean & empty)*
- \*No Paint Cans



### GLASS

- Glass Bottles/Jars
- (all items clean & empty)*
- \*No Windows or Ceramics



## How to Prepare Your Recyclables

- ✓ Recyclables should be clean & empty.
  - ✓ Do not bag recyclables. Leave loose in container.  
TIP: Return plastic grocery bags to participating stores for recycling.
  - ✓ No Items smaller than 2" x 2".  
\* No utensils, straws, small dressing or condiment cups.
  - ✓ Include only listed items.
- Questions? Visit [dpw.dc.gov/recyclingcompostlist](http://dpw.dc.gov/recyclingcompostlist)

For more information about recycling in the District, visit:  
[zerowaste.dc.gov](http://zerowaste.dc.gov)

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