

DISTRICT RECYCLING GUIDELINES

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January 1,
2018

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

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