

RECYCLING 101

PAPER

- Advertising/Junk Mail
- Aseptic Packaging
- Milk Cartons
- Corrugated Cardboard
- Kraft Brown Paper Bags
- Magazines/Catalogs
- Glossy & Non-glossy
- Newspaper (with inserts)
- Office/School Paper
- Paperboard/Chipboard
- Cereal Boxes
- Pasta Boxes
- Clothing Boxes
- Tissue Boxes
- Telephone Directories



PLASTIC

All plastic containers and bottles with these symbols.



PETE



HDPE



PVC



LDPE



PP



Other

EXAMPLES INCLUDE:

- Plastic beverage and food bottles or containers
- Milk, water and juice bottles, yogurt cups, vegetable oil
- Liquid detergent, fabric softener, bleach, shampoo

METAL

- Aluminum cans
- Steel or tin cans

GLASS

- Bottles and jars only
- Brown, green and clear glass

RECYCLING PREPARATION

- All materials may be mixed together.
- Rinse all recyclables free of food residue and remove lids.
- Flatten all corrugated cardboard and paperboard boxes.
- Remove any non-paper packing material.

FOR THE LOVE OF RECYCLING

- **DO NOT** place mirrors, lightbulbs, window glass or ceramics in recycling container.
- **DO NOT** include soiled paper fibers (oily pizza boxes, paper napkins, etc.).
- **DO NOT** place recyclable materials in black plastic bags.
- **DO NOT** include styrofoam, wood, plastic film, plastic toys or diapers in recycling containers.
- **DO NOT** place batteries or electronics in recycling containers.

What About Plastic #6?

Many recycling programs on a national level no longer include #6 PS plastic, known as polystyrene (check with your local hauler). It comes in expanded (fluffy) and rigid (clear) forms.

According to industry experts, #6 PS plastic is not easily recycled because it is mostly air, often coated with food contaminants, and can cost up to 300% more than other commodities to recycle due to its lightweight nature, lack

of competitive markets and high transportation costs.

However, Abt, 1200 N Milwaukee Ave., and Dart Container Corp., 315 Evergreen Dr., in Aurora take polystyrene from homeowners.

Both companies have drop-off programs for plastic foam packaging and washed out food service items. Visit Abt at abt.com/green/ and Dart Container Corp., Inc. at dartcontainer.com for details.



Please be sure to verify this information with your hauler. Information on special recycling collection events can be found at swancc.org.