

GENERAL RECYCLING GUIDELINES

PAPER

- Brown Paper Bags
- Cardboard
- Cartons - Milk, Juice, Soup
- Junk Mail
- Magazines and Catalogs
- Newspapers
- Office/School Paper
- Paper Product Boxes
 - Cereal Boxes
 - Pasta Boxes
 - Clothing Boxes
 - Tissue Boxes
- Telephone Directories



PLASTIC

Plastic Bottles and Select Food Containers

- Plastic Beverage Bottles
- Milk, Liquid Detergent, Fabric Softener, Bleach, Shampoo Containers
- Fruit and Yogurt Cups and Containers



METAL

- Aluminum Cans
- Steel and Tin Cans

GLASS

Bottles and Jars Only
Clear and Colored Glass

RECYCLING PREPARATION

- Empty bottles and containers
- All materials may be mixed together.
- Rinse all recyclables free of food residue
- Leave lids on containers.
- Flatten cardboard and paperboard boxes.
- Remove any non-paper packing material like wax bags and wrapping.
- NO disposable cups, plates or tableware

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 more than other commodities to recycle due to its lightweight nature, lack of

competitive markets and high transportation costs.

However, special program in municipalities, *Abt Electronics*, 1200 N Milwaukee Ave., in Glenview and *Dart Container Corp.*, 315 Evergreen Dr., in

Aurora take polystyrene from homeowners. Both companies offer drop-off programs for plastic foam packaging and washed out food service items. Visit swancc.org, abt.com/green or 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.



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