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Here are the first things you need to know when recycling curbside in Lake County, IL. Place these items together in your recycling container:

METAL

ACCEPTED: All clean and empty aluminum cans, foil and foil pans; steel and tin cans; spray cans and paint cans; kitchen pots, pans and trays; utensils.

Caps, lids, pull tabs and labels may remain on the containers. Place metal lids inside of empty cans.

NOT ACCEPTED: Propane or helium tanks; needles or syringes; electronics, small appliances; batteries; hangers; wire; holiday lights; ammunition; flares; combustible liquids or gases.

Metal containers and foil should be clean, empty of all liquids and free of food residue.

PLASTIC

ACCEPTED: All clean and empty plastic household containers, bottles of any size; jugs; tubs; cups; clamshell style containers; reusable food containers; laundry baskets; hangers; buckets; storage totes; kitty litter tubs; plant pots; unmotorized toys; small non inflatable pools.

Caps, lids, rings, handles and labels should be left on the plastic containers.

NOT ACCEPTED: Foam cups; foam cartons; foam packaging material; plastic bags; plastic wrap; plastic utensils and garden hoses.

Plastic containers should be clean, empty of all liquids and free of food residue.

Clean and empty plastic bags and wrappers should be stuffed into one bag and tied closed. Recycle them at your nearest participating grocery or retail store. Do not place plastic bags and wrap in your recycling container. For more info go to filmrecycling.org

Include grocery bags; newspaper bags; bread bags; produce bags; zip lock bags; toilet paper, napkin and paper towel wraps; case wrap; diaper wrap; dry cleaning bags; plastic retail bags; bubble wrap; electronic wrap; furniture wrap; tyvek and other plastic shipping envelopes.

DO NOT include frozen food bags, prewashed salad bags, bio-based, degradable or compostable bags.

PAPER

ACCEPTED: Scrap paper; mail; envelopes, including window; copy paper; office paper; shredded paper; cards; cardboard boxes; cereal & frozen food boxes; newspaper; ads; inserts; catalogs; magazines; phone books; hardcover and soft cover books; paper egg cartons; paper cups; milk, juice and other paper beverage cartons; paper tubes; wrapping paper.

Shredded paper should be bagged.

Cardboard boxes should be flattened and must be cut down to pieces no larger than 3'x 3'.

NOT ACCEPTED: Plastic bags, plastic wrap and straws; corrugated cardboard that contains food residue or wax-coating; paper towels; napkins; facial tissue; photos; laminated paper or paper coated with food, wax or foil.

Paper boxes and cartons should be clean, empty and free of all liquid, food residue or packing materials.

GLASS

ACCEPTED: Clean and empty glass bottles and jars, all colors.

Remove all caps and lids.

NOT ACCEPTED: Light bulbs; drink glasses; ceramics; bakeware; mirrors; ornamental glass; window and auto glass.

Glass containers should be clean, empty of all liquids and free of food residue.

For more information on how to properly recycle or dispose of items not listed, please contact SWALCO at (847) 336-9340 or go to RecycleFirstTrashLast.org.

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