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LAKE COUNTY CURBSIDE RECYCLING GUIDELINES

PLACE THESE ITEMS TOGETHER IN YOUR RECYCLING CART OR BIN



ACCEPTABLE



NOT ACCEPTABLE



NEWSPAPERS
MAGAZINES
CATALOGS
BOOKS
PHONEBOOKS

Includes ads, inserts, postcards, hard cover, soft cover and miscellaneous paper.

Materials should be free of plastic bags and wrappers.

CARDBOARD

Flatten cardboard boxes. Large boxes must be cut into pieces no larger than 3' x 3'.

DO NOT include cardboard that contains food residue or wax-coating.



SCRAP PAPER
SHREDDED PAPER
PAPER CARTONS
PAPER CUPS

Includes mail, envelopes, copy paper, office paper, greeting cards, paper egg cartons, paper cups, milk, juice and other beverage cartons, paper tubes, wrapping paper and cereal/food boxes. Place shredded paper into paper bags.

DO NOT include bath tissue, paper towels, photos, laminated paper, or paper coated with food, wax, foil or plastic. Remove plastic bags, lids, straws and wrappers.

HOUSEHOLD PLASTIC CONTAINERS

- #1 PET: water and soda bottles
- #2 HDPE: milk, detergent, shampoo containers
- #3 V: chemical, cooking oil containers
- #4 LDPE: lids, caps, rings, six-pack rings
- #5 PP: yogurt, butter, cosmetic containers

Plastic containers numbered 1-5 including caps, rings, lids and labels.

Containers should be empty and free of excess liquids and food residue. Plastics numbered 6 and 7 cannot be recycled in Lake County. DO NOT include utensils, plates, toys, plant pots, garden hose or pools.

METAL CANS

Includes aluminum, tin, and steel food and spray cans. Caps, lids, pull tabs and labels may remain on the containers. Place metal lids inside cans.

Containers should be empty and free of excess liquids and food residue. DO NOT include fire extinguishers, propane and helium gas tanks, utensils, hangers, small appliances, batteries or auto parts.

ALUMINUM FOIL

Aluminum foil and foil trays.

Foil should be free of food residue.

GLASS CONTAINERS

Glass bottles and jars. Mix all colors together. Caps, lids, rings and labels may remain on the containers.

DO NOT include light bulbs, mirrors, bakeware, ceramics, drinking glasses, window and auto glass.



RECYCLE PLASTIC BAGS

Plastic bags and wrappers should be stuffed into one bag and tied closed. Recycle them at your nearest participating grocery or retail store.

Items on the NOT ACCEPTABLE list may contaminate an entire load of recyclables and SHOULD NOT be placed in your recycling cart or bin. Please be mindful as you recycle.

NO auto parts
NO batteries
NO clothes hangers

NO combustibles
NO foam
NO food/garbage

NO holiday lights
NO needles/syringes
NO paint cans

NO toys
NO utensils
NO wire