

RECYCLE RIGHT

✓ ALWAYS RECYCLE / RECICLE SIEMPRE



Plastic Bottles & Containers
Botellas y envases de plástico



Food & Beverage Cans
Latas de alimentos y bebidas



Paper
Papeles



Flattened Cardboard & Paperboard
Cartón y cartulina aplastados



Glass Bottles & Containers
Botellas y envases de vidrio



NO mixed plastic and paper cartons, tetra paks, milk, juice etc. cartons
NO mezcle plástico con papel de cartón, no paquetes de tetra (tetra paks), o cartones de leche, jugó, etc.

✗ **DO NOT INCLUDE IN YOUR MIXED RECYCLING CONTAINER / NO INCLUIR EN SU CONTENEDOR DE RECICLAJE MIXTO**



NO Food or Liquids
NO comida o líquidos



NO Foam Cups & Containers
NO vasos y recipientes de poliestireno



NO Loose Plastic Bags, Bagged Recyclables or Film
Empty recyclables directly into your bin.
NO bolsas y envolturas de plástico sueltas, o materiales reciclables embolsados
Vací directamente los materiales reciclables en nuestro carrito



NO Batteries – check local drop-off programs for proper disposal
NO baterías - Verifique los programas locales de entrega para su correcta eliminación



NO Green Waste
NO desechos verdes



NO Clothing, Furniture & Carpet
NO ropa, muebles y alfombras

To learn more, visit:
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ACCEPTABLE SINGLE STREAM (CURBSIDE) SPECIFICATIONS

Items must be **CLEAN, EMPTY, DRY, LOOSE (not bagged)** and include **ONLY**:

Aluminum cans - empty	Newspaper
PET bottles with #1 symbol– with screw tops	Mail/junk mail, Magazines, glossy inserts and pamphlets
HDPE plastic bottles with #2 symbol (milk, water bottles detergent, and shampoo bottles, etc.)	Uncoated paperboard (ex. cereal boxes; food and snack boxes)
Plastic containers with symbols #3-#7 (no expanded polystyrene or Styrofoam-like items)	Glass food and beverage containers – brown, clear, or green
Steel and tin cans –	Uncoated printing, writing and office paper
Phone books	Corrugated containers/cardboard (uncoated)

NOT ACCEPTABLE FOR CURBSIDE RECYCLING:

Plastic bags and bagged materials (even if containing Recyclables)	Microwavable trays; Plastics unnumbered
Mirrors, Window or auto glass	Porcelain and ceramics
Light bulbs	Coated cardboard (as in packaged produce)
Expanded polystyrene	Coat hangers
Glass and metal cookware/bakeware	Household appliances and electronics ,
Hoses, cords, wires	Yard waste, construction debris, and wood
Flexible plastic or film packaging and multi-laminated materials	Needles, syringes, IV bags or other medical supplies
Food waste and liquids (<i>compostable</i> , not recyclable)	Dirty napkins, paper towels, tissues (<i>compostable</i> , not recyclable)
Containers that held food waste and liquids (not recyclable due to coating)	Paper plates, paper cups (not recyclable due to coating), and plastic utensils
Excluded Materials or containers which contained Excluded Materials	Textiles, cloth, or any fabric (bedding, pillows, sheets, etc.)
Any otherwise recyclable materials in pieces of less than 4” in size in any dimension	Propane tanks, batteries

(TERRACYCLE AND GROCERY STORES ACCEPT MANY “UNACCEPTABLES”-see reverse

Watch for local recycling updates at: <https://www.facebook.com/SEIowaSierraClub> and <https://www.facebook.com/sustainablelivingcoalition/>

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PLASTIC BAGS – What’s a conscientious consumer to do?

DO NOT: do not put them in the curbside recycling bin – they will just contaminate it!

DO NOT: put them in the trash, they will go to a landfill and contaminate the soil & water

DO: Recycle at a grocery store. Hy-Vee, Wal-Mart, and many grocery stores have bins for plastic bag recycling. Typically, they **accept:**

- grocery shopping bags and produce bags from any store (unless they say “compostable/biodegradable”)
- the outer wrapping/overwrap that holds multiple items together (like bottled water, soda, paper towels, bathroom tissue, diapers)
- purchased plastic storage bags such as Ziploc or baggies
- bubble wrap & air pillows for shipping (**only if popped**)
- plastic shipping bags (labels must be removed) – often these are grey
- clean plastic wrap with no labels
- clean bread bags, potato bags, and apple bags
- cauliflower wrap
- dry cleaning bags that cover clothes (no receipts or hangers)
- clothes bag sleeves from online purchases.
- any film packaging or bag that has the *how to recycle* label/symbol. These are all made from low- or high- density polypropylene and are recyclable.
- Basically: **pretty much any type of plastic bags.**

Note: Packaged lettuce and salad greens bags cannot be recycled due to Salmonella threat

What are #2 & #4 bags?

#2 - Most plastic bags are made from **high-density polyethylene** (#2 plastic), **HDPE**

#4 – Thinner bags (such as produce bags) are made from **low-density polyethylene (PE)**

Courtesy of the Southeast Iowa Sierra Club Zero Waste Coalition

Overwhelmed? Ask about *Extended Producer Responsibility* and a *Circular Economy!*

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