

WHAT'S RECYCLABLE

Listed below are examples of items accepted (or not accepted) in the City's recycling program. Read the labels on containers to determine where acceptable items are placed. Homes use a "split" cart; apartments have group carts; and businesses use dumpsters for mixed recycling and/or corrugated cardboard. **For composting food scraps information, visit www.mountainview.gov/foodscraps.**

ACCEPTED FOR RECYCLING

PAPER (CLEAN)

All paper should be clean--without food stain or residue.
 Cardboard (flatten) put small pieces in cart; and large pieces tie or bundled into 3'x3' sizes outside cart.
 Catalogs, phone books and magazines (no plastic wrap)
 Cereal and cake boxes (no plastic liners)
 Colored and white paper
 Donut boxes (clean, no food stain/residue, no plastic)
 Gift wrap (no metallic), greeting cards (no musical)
 Junk mail (plastic windows ok) but no laminated postcards that cannot be torn by hand
 Manila file folders and envelopes (no padded; clasps ok)
Cartons: milk, juice, soy milk, soup, broth (put on container side, lids okay, new for 2015)
 Newspaper and colored inserts
 Paperback books (no hardbacks)
 Pizza boxes (clean, no food stain/residue or plastic)
 Slick or glossy paper (faxes, receipts)

PLASTIC BOTTLES & TUBS & JARS(EMPTY)

Only plastic bottles, tubs and jars are accepted. Forget about recycling numbers in 2015.*
Plastic bottles and jars (food, peanut butter, syrup, catsup, drink or detergent, shampoo, prescription)
Plastic jugs (milk jugs, orange juice)
Plastic tubs (cottage cheese, yogurt, baby wipes)
Lids and caps are okay but prefer metal

METAL CANS (EMPTY)

Aluminum cans, trays, or clean aluminum foil
 Bimetal cans (cat food cans)
 Metal food cans, tin and steel cans
 Metal lids and caps (but no wire or scrap metal)

GLASS BOTTLES & JARS (EMPTY)

Beverage bottles (any color)
 Canning jars
 Jam or peanut butter jars
 Olive oil and vinegar bottles
 Soup or spaghetti jars
 Wine bottles (no corks/metal or plastic wrapper)

*Note: recycling symbols and numbers on plastic containers is a uniform labeling system for manufacturers (much like a nutrition label on a soup can for consumers). It does not mean that the particular item is accepted for recycling. We accept only plastic BOTTLES and TUBS with a recycling symbol because they have enough market value to merit the cost of recycling.

NOT ACCEPTED

PAPER

NONE of these (even if "clean" unless noted):

Candy wrappers and chip bags
 Donut boxes (stained/food residue)
 Egg cartons (paper or polystyrene foam type)
 Fast food wrappers, cups or boxes
 Gift wrap paper (foil or metallic)
 Frozen food boxes or ice cream cartons
 Hardback books or padded envelopes
 Paper cups, plates, napkins or towels (even if unused)
 Photographs or any plastic-coated paper
 Pizza boxes (stained/food residue)
 Vinyl or 3- or 2-ring style binders
 "Waxed" (dark brown) cardboard

PLASTIC BOTTLES & TUBS

Any plastic that is NOT a bottle, jar or tub
Any bottle, jar or tub more than 2 gallons in size
 Black plastic or rigid plastics
 Plastic bags of any kind
 Bubble-wrap, straps, shrink-wrap
 Buckets, crates, pails, laundry baskets
 Deli/fast food "clamshells" (top-hinged-bottom)
 Styrofoam drink cups, noodle cups, meat trays
 Foam packaging, blocks or "peanuts"
 Garden hoses, or swimming pools
 Junk mail (laminated, cannot be torn by hand)
 Photographs, negatives, microfiche, "overheads"
 Plant pots, plastic tarps, bender board
 Plastic drink glasses/cups, clear or opaque
 Straws, toothpaste and ointment tubes
 Vinyl binders, 3 ring binders, spiral notebooks

METAL CANS

Aerosol or paint cans, propane tanks (empty or full)
 Construction debris, nails, pipes or car parts
 Pots and pans, toasters or irons, appliances

GLASS BOTTLES & JARS

Ceramic /porcelain cups/dishes, drink glasses, eyeglasses
 Fluorescent tubes or light bulbs
 Mirrors, picture frame glass, window glass



Homes



Apartments



Business