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January 1,  
2018

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## Recycling Requirements

*See back for new guidelines*



Supply accessible recycling containers.



Communicate information annually including how and what to recycle.



Post sign showing what to place in recycling bin.

Recycling requirements apply to commercial, government, and residential properties.

### COMMERCIAL PROPERTIES

- Office Properties
- Retail Stores and Malls
- Medical Facilities
- Hotels, Motels, Inns
- Industrial Facilities & Warehouses
- Religious Buildings
- Private/Charter Schools
- Colleges and Universities
- Mixed-use Properties
- Other Large Venues  
(Museums, Sports Arenas, Convention Centers)

### MULTIFAMILY PROPERTIES

- Apartments
- Condominiums
- University Residence Halls
- Assisted Living Facilities

For more information about recycling in the District, visit:  
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# DISTRICT RECYCLING GUIDELINES

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## Accepted Items

### PAPER

- Cups & Containers
- Flattened Cardboard
- Milk, Juice, & Soup Cartons
- Newspapers/Magazines
- Books/Phone Books
- Junk Mail & Office Paper  
*(all items clean & empty)*
- \*No Tissue



### PLASTIC

- Cups & Containers
- Bottles & Lids
- Bulky Items
- (all items clean & empty)*
- \*No Plastic Bags
- \*No Foam Polystyrene
- \*No Straws or Utensils



### METAL

- Steel & Aluminum
- Bottles/Cans/Containers
- (all items clean & empty)*
- \*No Paint Cans



### GLASS

- Glass Bottles/Jars
- (all items clean & empty)*
- \*No Windows or Ceramics



## How to Prepare Your Recyclables

- ✓ Recyclables should be clean & empty.
- ✓ Do not bag recyclables. Leave loose in container.  
TIP: Return plastic grocery bags to participating stores for recycling.
- ✓ No Items smaller than 2" x 2".  
\* No utensils, straws, small dressing or condiment cups.
- ✓ Include only listed items.  
**Questions? Visit**  
[dpw.dc.gov/recyclingcompostlist](http://dpw.dc.gov/recyclingcompostlist)

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