

Commercial Recycling Requirements



**Supply accessible
recycling
containers.**



**Communicate
information annually
including how
and what to recycle.**



**Post sign showing
what to place in
recycling bin.**

As a reminder, materials that are NOT accepted in the recycling include:

- Black Bags
- Plastic Bags, Wraps & Film*
- Construction & Demolition Debris
- Yard Waste
- Textiles (Bedding, Clothes, Carpet)
- Hazardous Waste
- Tanglers (Cords, Hoses, Hangers)
- Electronic Waste
- Batteries
- Furniture

*Clear or non-pigmented plastic bin liners to hold clean and empty recyclables are allowed.

For more information about recycling in the District, visit:
zerowaste.dc.gov

For general information about the Department of Public Works, visit:
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DISTRICT RECYCLING GUIDELINES



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.
- ✓ Keep out: Plastic bags, clothing, tangles (cables & cords), electronics & batteries
- ✓ Empty & flatten cardboard boxes.



Janitorial Best Practice



- o Black bags cannot be used to hold recyclables. Clear or non-pigmented plastic bin liners to hold clean and empty recyclables are allowed but not preferred.
- o Best practice: Leave recyclables loose in container.

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