

# RECYCLING GUIDELINES

## YES!



### METAL

Steel & Aluminum Containers and Foil



### PAPER

Cardboard (flattened),  
Office Paper, Newspaper, Magazines

### Clean & Empty

Replace lids & caps

**Put material in loose  
- Not in bags**



### GLASS

Containers: Bottles & Jars Only



### PLASTIC

Containers: Bottles, Tubs, Jugs,  
and Jars Only



### CARTONS



## NO!



**No Plastic Bags  
No Plastic Wrap**  
(return clean to retailer)



**No Big Items** (Electronics, Wood,  
Propane Tanks, Scrap Metal or Styrofoam-  
check local authority for other options)



**No Tangles** (Hangers, Hoses,  
Wire, Cords, Ropes or Chains)



**No Clothing**  
Textiles or Shoes (donate)



**No Food, Liquid, Diapers,  
Batteries or Needles**



**No Shredded Paper**  
(check with local  
authority for other  
recycling options)

These guidelines represent the common items accepted in most recycling programs in Illinois. For greater detail on specific items or programmatic variations, reach out to your local authority.

To find out more details, including local resources, visit [FeedTheCart.org](https://www.feedthecart.org).

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