

RECYCLING GUIDELINES

Residential curbside collection programs are managed by municipalities and townships in Kane County. For service issues, please contact either your hauler or your city directly. Residents in unincorporated areas may contract for services with any licensed hauler.

These single-stream recycling guidelines apply to households, businesses, schools and institutions.

Recycle Paper & Containers in your curbside collection cart (*loose; not bagged*):



Paper

Office paper, newspaper, magazines, and flattened cardboard.



Glass

Bottles and jars.
Empty and rinse.



Cartons

Food and beverage cartons. *Empty, rinse, and replace cap.*



Plastic

Plastic bottles, tubs, jugs, and jars. *Empty, rinse, and replace cap.*



Metal

Aluminum and steel beverage/food cans.
Empty and rinse.

NEW Guidelines Poster
that you can hang above recycling bins!

Do NOT include in your recycling cart:



NO plastic bags or soft plastic film

Recycle clean, dry, empty bags at grocery stores.
Find a recycling site at plasticfilmrecycling.org.



NO shredded paper

Shredded paper causes major problems at sorting facilities.
Best Practice is to tear off the confidential portion, and recycle the rest of the sheet whole. OR save it and bring it to a Shred Event (see pg 2).



NO propane tanks, medical waste

No pressurized containers or medical waste like needles or syringes (see HHW p. 4-5).



NO food waste or liquids

Compost instead.



Pizza boxes

If the box top is clean you can tear it off and recycle it. *Bottoms (or tops) with ANY grease, cheese or food on them go in the trash.*



NO cups, lids or straws

No take-away cups (plastic, paper, or foam), no plastic lids, no straws. *These all go in the trash.*



NO foam

Block packaging, cups, and containers.
Take to Dart Container Corp (see A-Z list p. 8-10).



NO Tanglers

No cords, hoses, hangers, wires, string, etc. which get caught in the sorting machinery and cause problems.
These go in the trash.



NO candy wrappers or snack bags

Candy wrappers and chip bags are made of plastic that is not recyclable.
These all go in the trash.



NO frozen food boxes

They are made of a hybrid of wet-strength paper and plastic that is not recyclable.
These all go in the trash.

Your actions make a difference!

Recycle Right.

