

RECYCLING CHEAT SHEET

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RECYCLABLE

PLASTICS

**Keep caps on plastic beverage containers*

- Highly Recyclable
 - Plastics number 1 as bottle or clamshell
 - Plastics numbers 2 & 5
 - Soda, juice, & water bottles
 - Beverage & detergent jugs
- Acceptable (but may not be recycled)
 - Plastics numbers 4 & 7



METALS

- Aluminum foil & pie tins (clean)
- Scrap metal
- Steel cans, dishware, etc.
- Tin & aluminum cans

PAPER (clean & dry)

- Envelopes
- File folders (paper only)
- Junk mail & magazines
- Newspaper
- Paper (white & mixed color)
- Paper grocery bags
- Telephone books
- Acceptable (but may not be recycled)
 - Cereal boxes (no plastic insert)
 - Egg cartons (paper only & clean)
 - Frozen food boxes
 - Soup, milk, & juice cartons



CARDBOARD (or similar)

- Cardboard & corrugated boxes
- Pizza boxes (clean sections only)

GLASS

**No window glass, porcelain, or non-food related glass. Please remove caps/lids.*

- Amber, green, & mixed-color glass
- Clear food glass jars
- Soda, tea, & liquor bottles

No Liquids or Food In Recyclables

LANDFILL

FOOD WRAPPERS/CONTAINERS

- Candy & protein bar wrappers
- Chip bags
- Disposable coffee cups & lids
- Juice & food pouches
- Bags with a mix of metal & plastic



GLASS/PORCELAIN

- Dishware
- Flower pots
- Incandescent light bulbs
- Porcelain
- Vases & glass figurines
- Window glass



PAPER

- All receipts
- Bathroom, facial tissues, & wipes
- Gift wrap with plastic or metal
- Hardback books
- Laminated or plastic coated paper
- Padded or Tyvek-type envelopes
- Photographs

PLASTICS

- All plastics #3 & #6 (hard & foam)
- All black plastics
- Plastic toys
- Plastic bags, dry cleaning bags, cellophane, & bubble wrap
- Small plastics (utensils, straws, loose caps, & anything less than 4 inches)
- Garden hoses & plastic tarps
- Latex and plastic gloves
- Empty motor oil



MISC

- Disposable diapers
- Empty aerosol cans
- Pet waste
- Produce stickers
- Lint or unusable clothing & fabric
- All tea bags & tea bag wrappers
- Menstrual products
- Hard shells (e.g. clams, mussels, & oysters)

ORGANICS & SOILED PAPER

**Only if there is no green waste/food scrap collection. See list to right.*

- Includes all food scraps, green waste, & food-soiled paper

COMPOSTABLES

GREEN WASTE

- Grass clippings
- Flower & hedge trimmings
- Leaves & branches
- Lumber, scrap wood, & plywood types (not painted or treated)
- Weeds



FOOD SCRAPS

**Check your city page at AthensServices.com to confirm acceptability. Food Scraps includes putrescible matter produced from human or animal food production, preparation, & consumption activities. No produce stickers.*

- Bread, rice, & pasta
- Cheese & dairy
- Coffee filters & grounds
- Flowers & herbs
- Fruits & vegetables
- Meat, bones, poultry, seafood, & soft shells (e.g. lobster, crab, & shrimp)



FOOD-SOILED PAPER

**All items must be 100% plant-fiber based with NO petroleum based plastic, wax, or bio-plastic coating, liner, or laminate. Must be soiled ONLY with food or drink liquids. No bathroom tissue, toilet paper, or menstrual products.*

- 100% fiber based, compostable to-go containers & servingware
- Egg cartons (paper)
- Food-stained paper
- Paper napkins & kitchen towels
- Paper food boats
- Paper packaging
- Paper plates
- Pizza boxes

Updated November 2021. For a complete list, visit Athens' What Goes Where Guide at CanIRecycleMy.com.